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あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。

昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。アカギ・仲木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷲巣麻雀に挑む。5回戦を終え、アカギは約5億円を奪う。鷲巣の残り資産は2750万円。新たに順位負けの血液精算とチョンボの支払いをアカギと鷲巣のサシで支払う取り決めを追加して、6回戦が開局……！

登場人物

鷲巣
権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ。

安岡
不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。

仲木
稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

鈴木
鷲巣の部下。今回の対局の鷲巣のアシスタント役。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート：1000点＝100万円＝血液100cc。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ（1万・3万）・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000ccは点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌：1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い：半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例：半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

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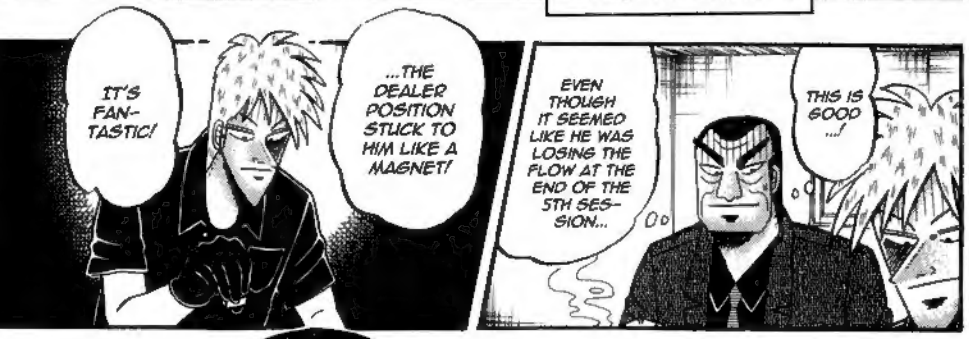
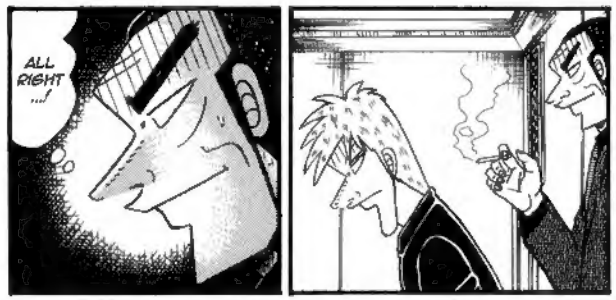
CHAPTER 143:
FIRST DEALER
GG HH ....!
Washizu Mahjong.

The first round of the final, Sixth Session, begins!
Washizu: 25,000 Points
Remaining Funds: 27.5 Million Yen
Akagi: 25,000 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 672.5 Million Yen


IT'S FAN-TASTIC!
...THE DEALER POSITION STUCK TO HIM LIKE A MAGNET!

EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS LOSING THE FLOW AT THE END OF THE 5TH SES-SION...
THIS IS GOOD ...!

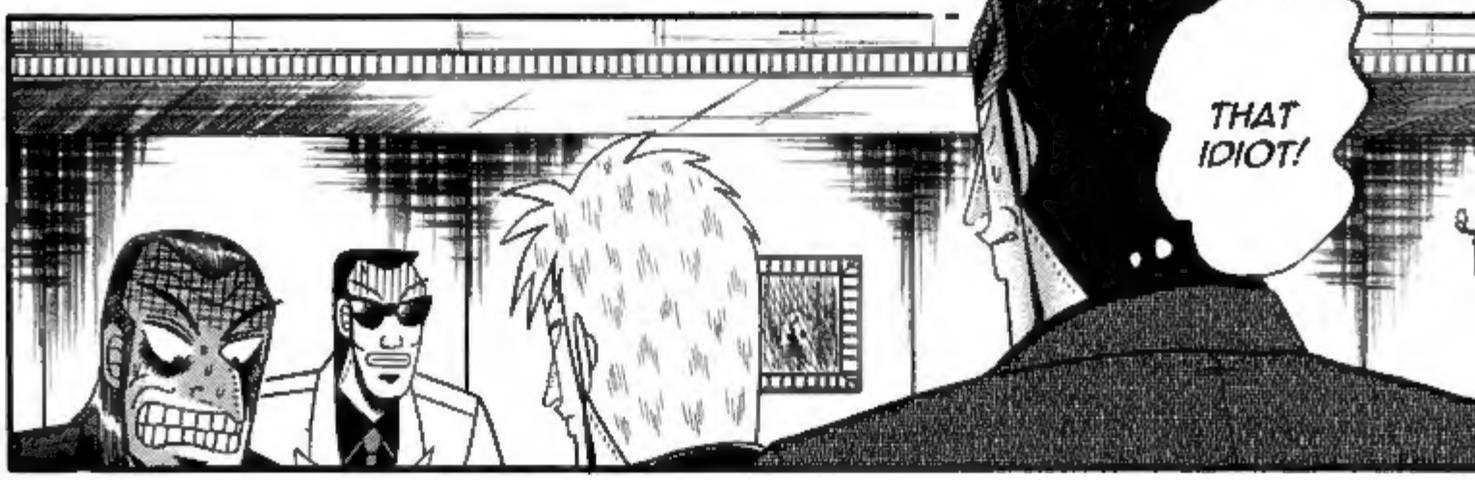
HE CAN SLICE THROUGH THE OPPOSI-TION!
RIGHT OUT OF THE GATES...
HE CAN BLAZE RIGHT THROUGH IT!

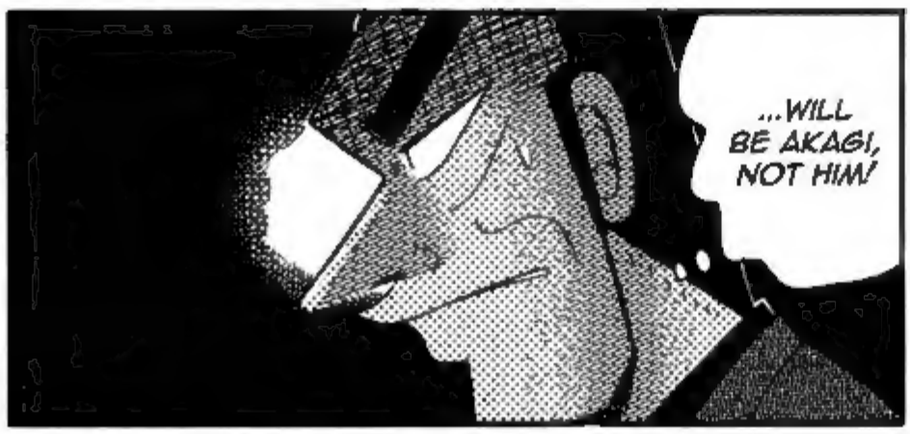

ALL RIGHT ...!

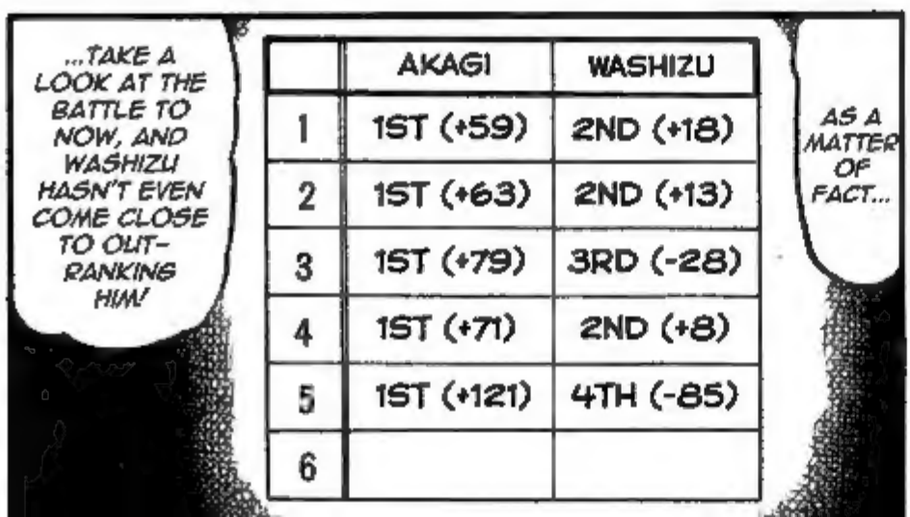
ALL RIGHT, GOOD!

The First Dealer is Akagi...!

...WE'LL HAVE TO PAY WITH BLOOD RATHER THAN MONEY...
WASHIZU'S FORCEFUL PROPOSAL THAT IF HE WINDS UP OUTRANKING US IN THIS FINAL SESSION...







	AKAGI	WASHIZU
1	1ST (+59)	2ND (+18)
2	1ST (+63)	2ND (+13)
3	1ST (+79)	3RD (-28)
4	1ST (+71)	2ND (+8)
5	1ST (+121)	4TH (-85)
6		

HE INSISTED ON THAT GREEDY PROPOSAL THAT DID NOTHING BUT INCREASE HIS ODDS FOR SUCCESS!
HE RAISED HIS ODDS!
PERSIS-TENTLY!
EVEN WITH THAT SAID...
AND YET...
BUT IT'S USE-LESS!
HE'S A ASTON-ISHING OLD MAN...
TO EXTRACT WHAT'S LEFT OF AKAGI'S BLOOD!
...IS MAKING TSUMO WINS...
IT'S CLEAR THAT HIS ONLY WAY OUT, NOW...
NO MATTER HOW THINGS GO...

NOW THAT IT'S GOTTEN TO THIS STAGE..
THAT INCON-VENIENT TRUTH...
THAT FACT...
IS THE ONLY LOGICAL CONCLU-SION!

.....
...IS SOMETHING THAT EVEN WASHIZU HAS TO ADMIT!
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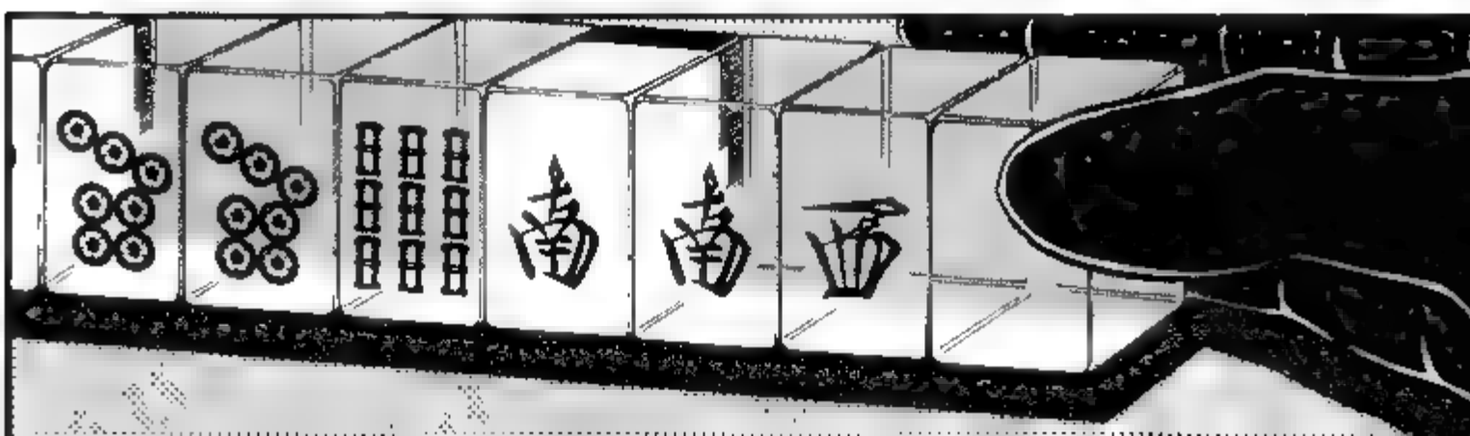
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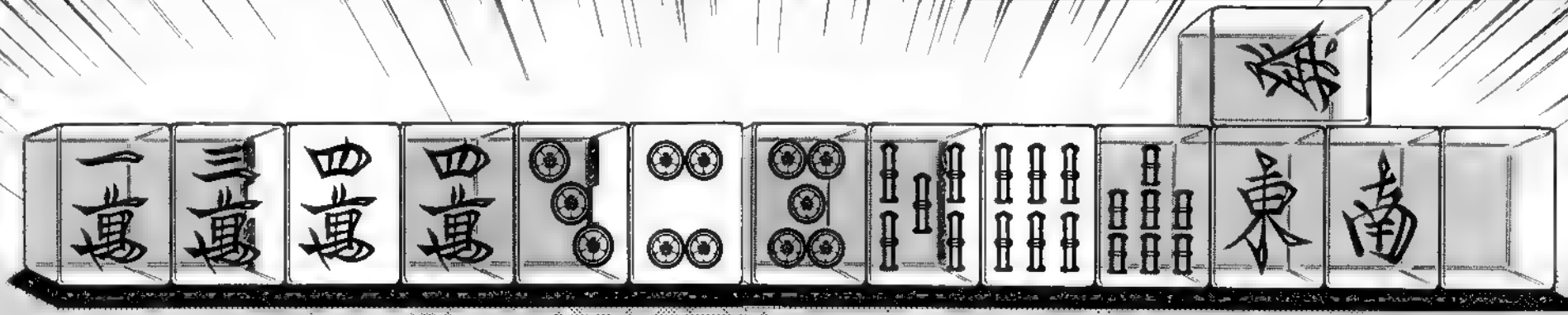
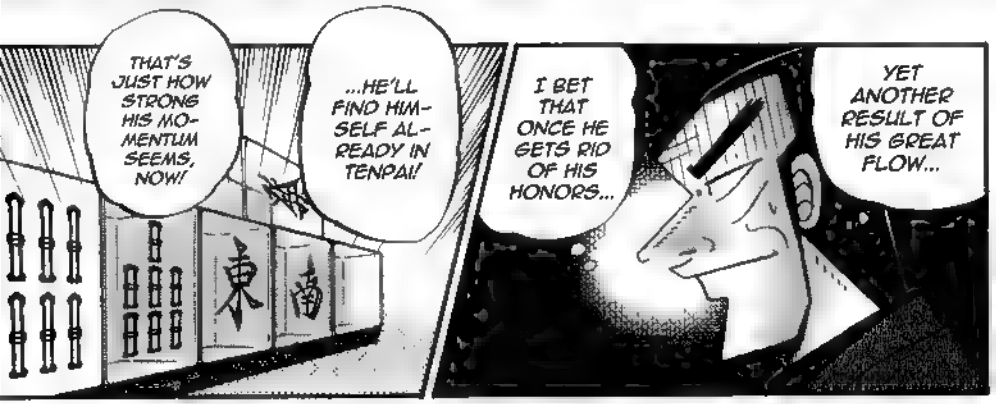
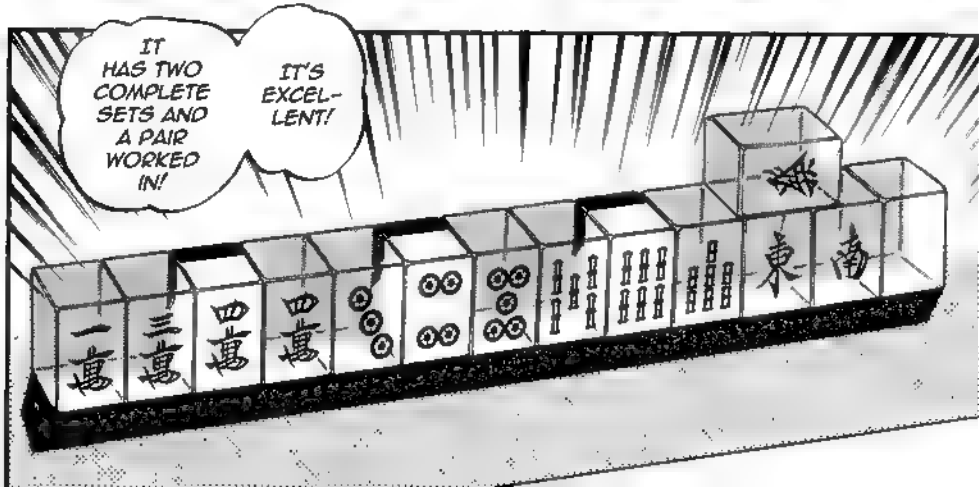
BUT ANY-WAY...
HEH HEH HEH ...!
AS HE IS NOW...
HE WON'T GET EVEN ONE MORE DROP OF HIS BLOOD!
WE WON'T LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY...
AKAGI SHIGERU
WON'T LET HIM BUDGE AN INCH!!
The 6th Session...

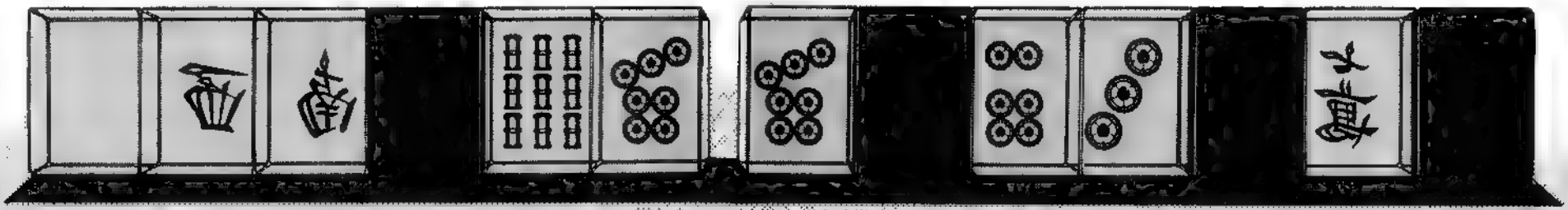
East 1st Round. Akagi's Starting Hand...!

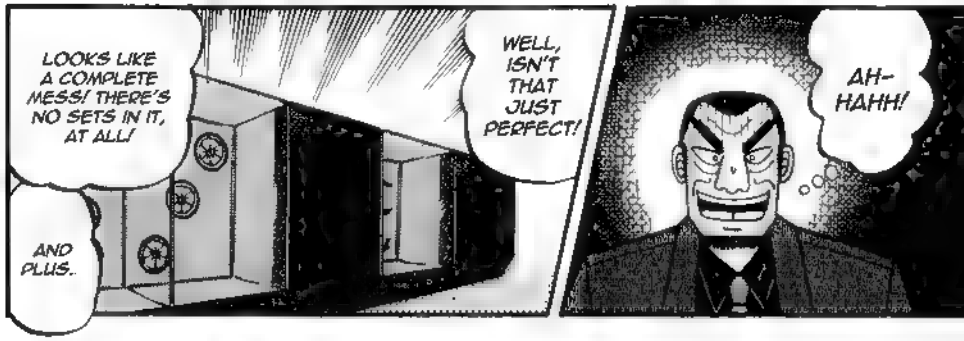


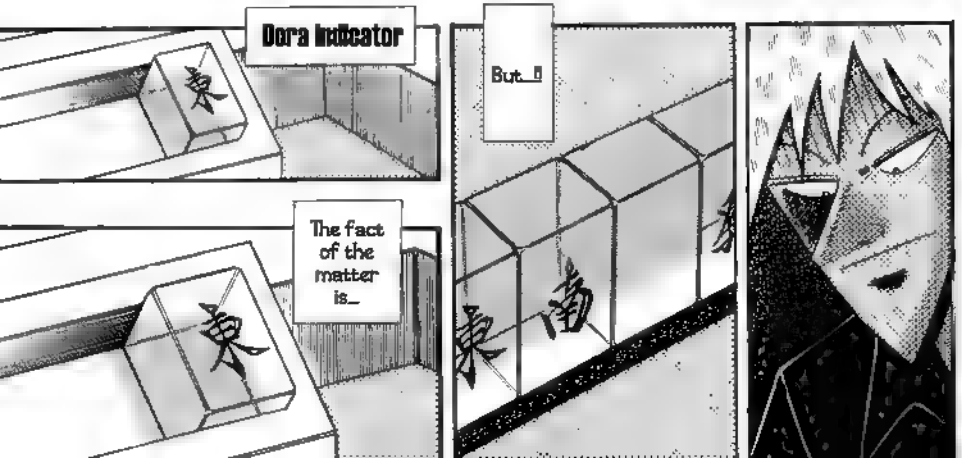

THAT'S JUST HOW STRONG HIS MOMENTUM SEEMS, NOW!
...HE'LL FIND HIMSELF ALREADY IN TENPAI!
I BET THAT ONCE HE GETS RID OF HIS HONORS...
YET ANOTHER RESULT OF HIS GREAT FLOW...

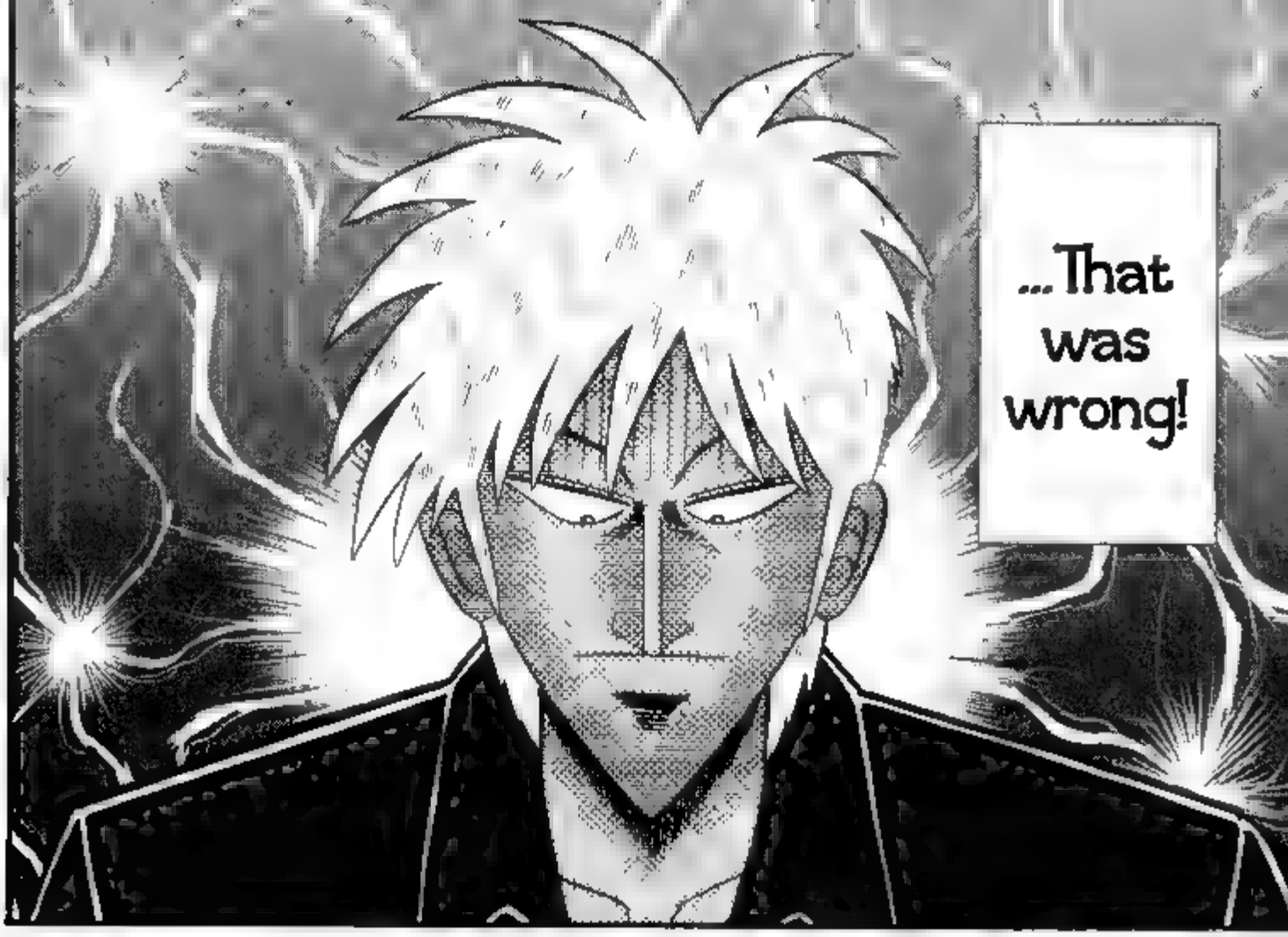


Washizu's Starting Hand...!








...That was wrong!

.....
Something was fundamentally different!

To begin with...
.....
That had still yet to be recognized! This was already a major difference!
There was a precondition...

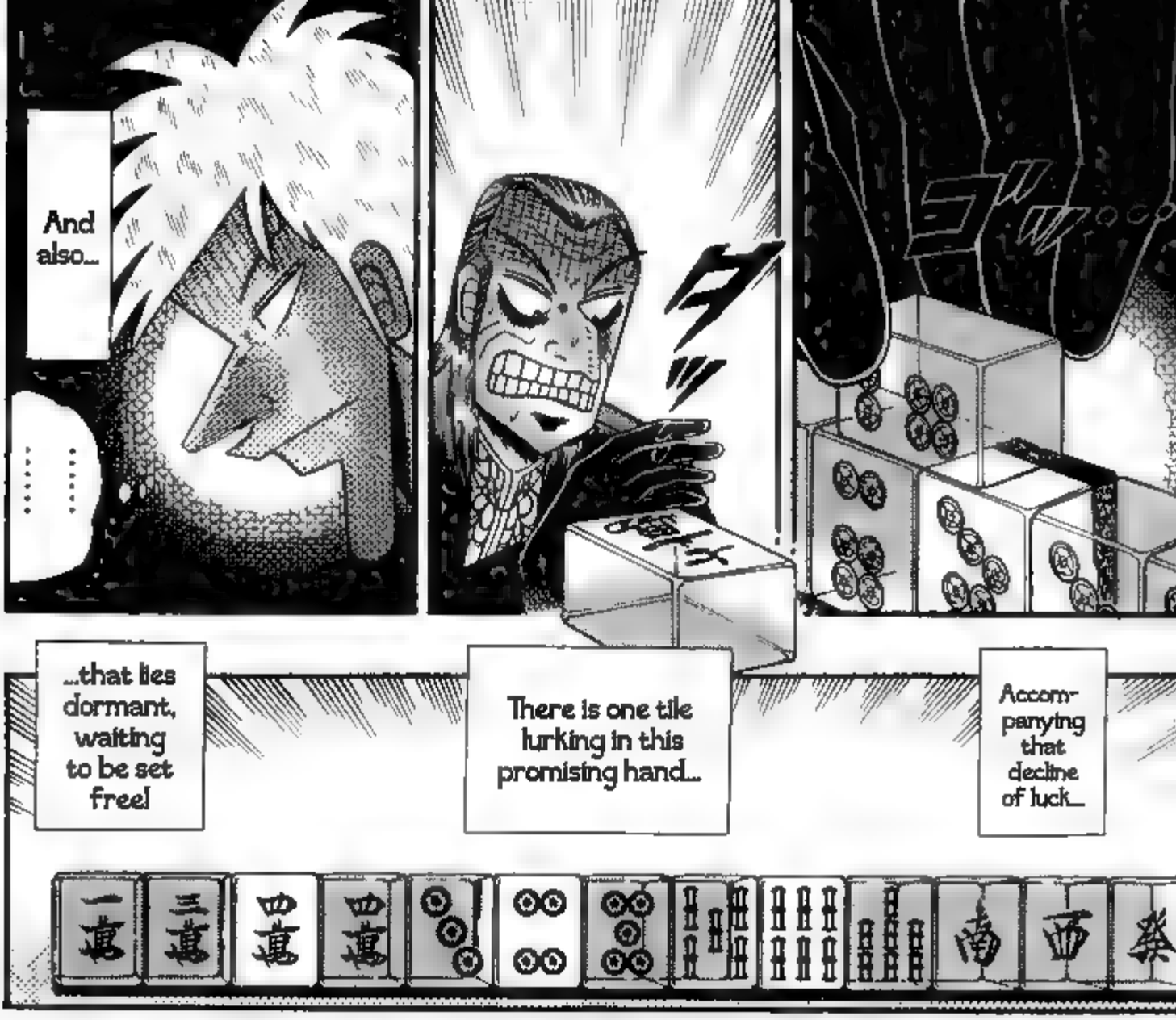
That was what he had thought...
...and allowed Akagi to be the first dealer.
Had assumed that the momentum from the 5th Session had carried over...
For, Ohgi...
For, Akagi had stumbled in!
But it was just the opposite!
Until now, he had been losing his grasp on the divine luck he was known for...
Washizu had been revived!
...he found himself deep within the Tiger's Den!
With that forceful dealing in during the 5th Session...
Akagi felt that Washizu's fortune could only increase!
But with that dealing, it had been reversed!

Would devolve into a chase to catch Washizu!
This 6th and Final Session...
That was his belief!
And thus...

He would want to be the Last Dealer!
...For him to have the best chance to come back in this session...
For this reason...

He was the East Seat, the first dealer!
...Had already been decided otherwise!
However, the seat he got...
The North Seat would be the optimal position!

When one considers that Akagi had been the Last Dealer for all the 5 previous sessions...
How-ever...
The worst position for making a comeback!
Then, especially for how Akagi is now...
It is an obvi-ously likely turn-out!
.....
This much is only natural!
This is simply a given...
And be the First Dealer in this 6th Session!
For him to give up the best position ...
Considering that Akagi's luck is on the decline!


And also...
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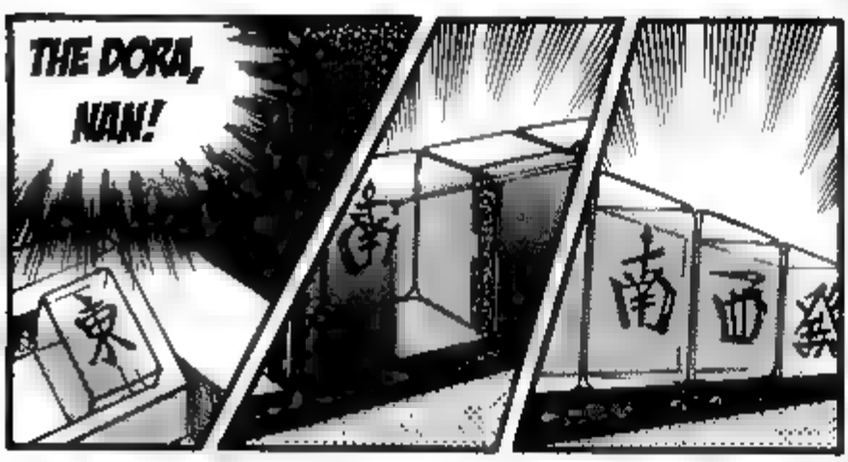
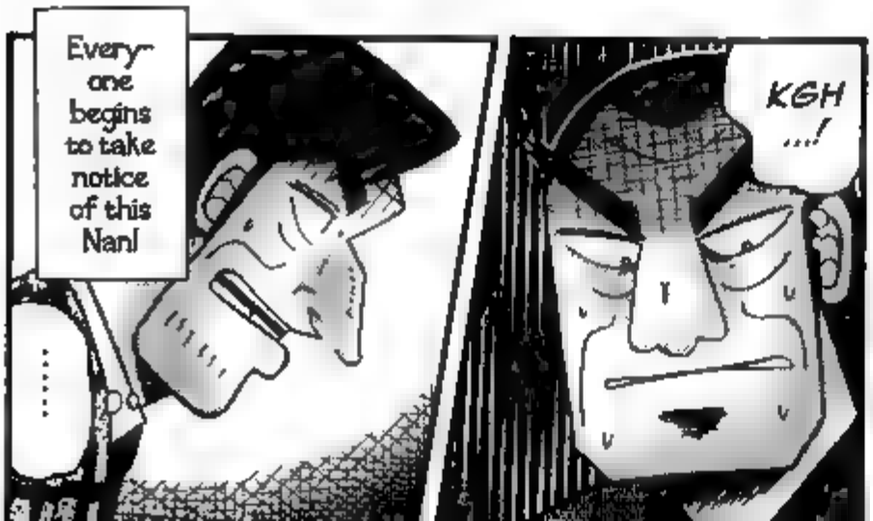
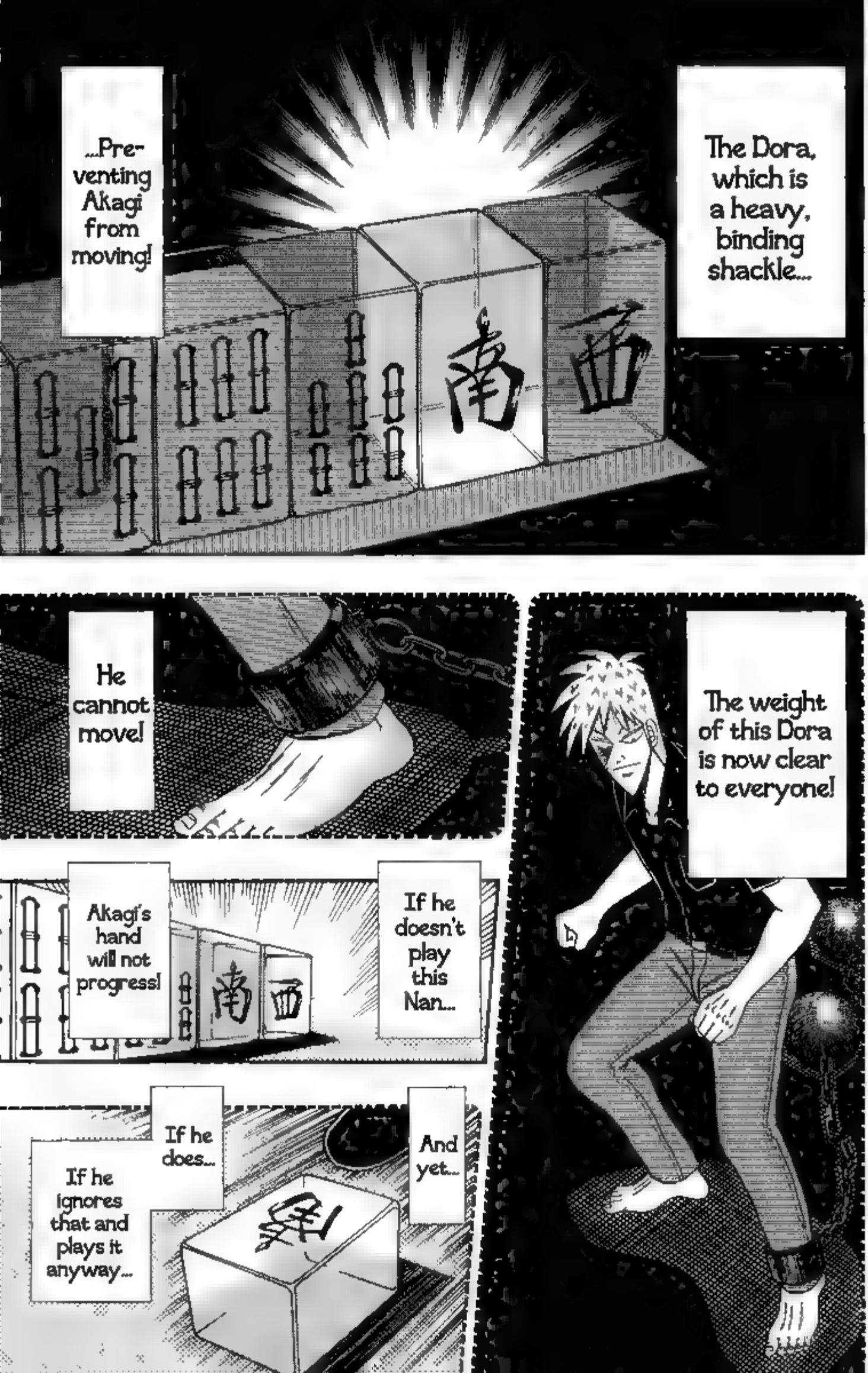
...that lies dormant, waiting to be set free!
There is one tile lurking in this promising hand...
Accompanying that decline of luck...


THE DORA, NAN!

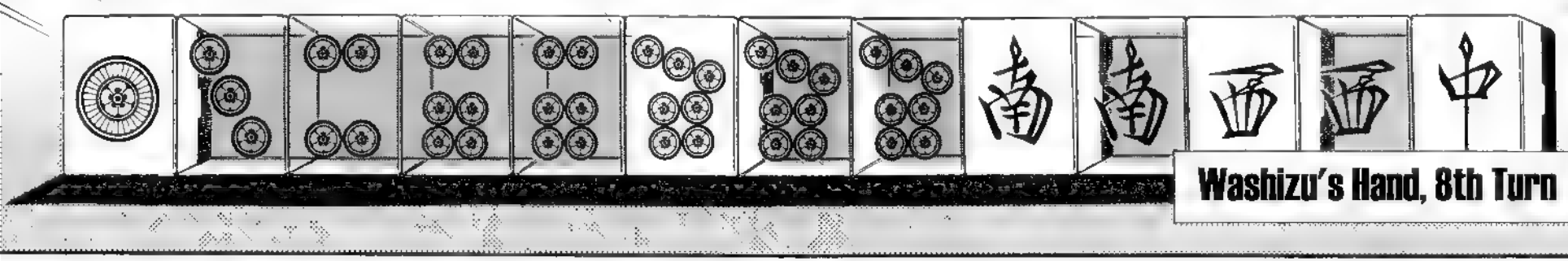
The heavens have placed it in each of their hands!
Yes...!


Everyone begins to take notice of this Nan!
.....
KGH ...!

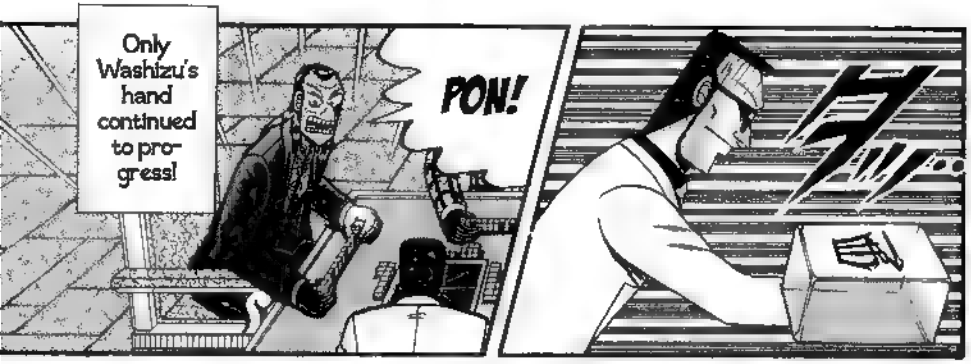
.....
Gradually...

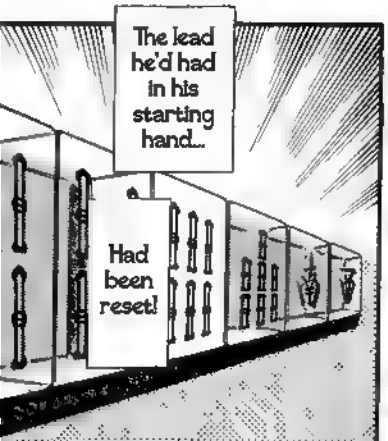

...Preventing Akagi from moving!
The Dora, which is a heavy, binding shackle...
He cannot move!
The weight of this Dora is now clear to everyone!
Akagi's hand will not progress!
If he doesn't play this Nan...
If he does...
If he ignores that and plays it anyway...
And yet...

...He would do nothing but provide a boost to Washizu's already massive momentum!



Washizu's Hand, 8th Turn



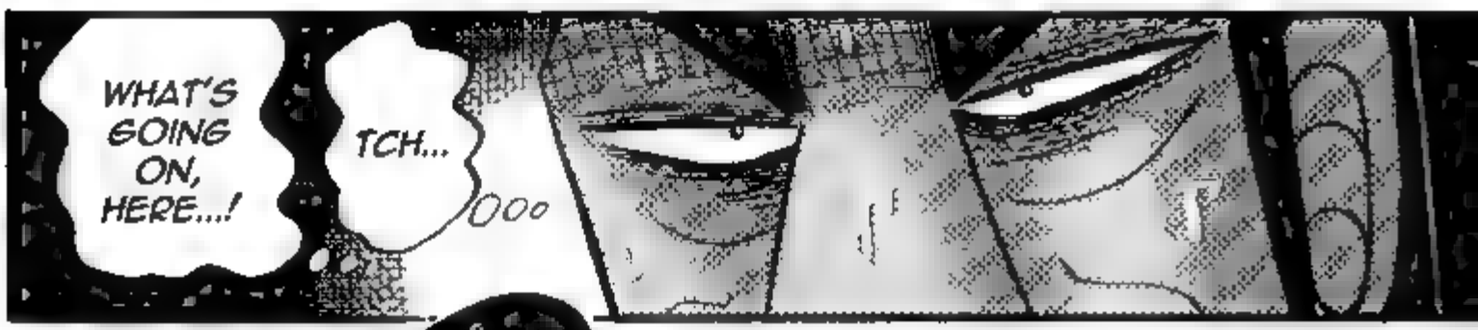


And in fact, was beginning to shift back!
The other way!
Truly the worst flow!
If the direction of the game continue in this fashion...
Then perhaps...
It would not be impossible...

Washizu's Mangan Tsumo...!
For it to arrive at any moment!
But even with that trend...
TCH!
Having seen the way it was going on the 11th Turn...
チラ

RO... RON!
JUST PINFU!
GGH ...!
Akagi ... Stops it by dealing into Yasuoka!
KGH ...
He staves off this predicament!
He blocks it!
DAM-MIT...
The hand that was one away from Tenpai...
Washizu's Hon Itsu...
The hand that could have killed Akagi ...
That Mangan was blocked!

……
ざわ…
……
ざわ…
ざわ…
HUH-HHH...


WHAT'S GOING ON, HERE...!
TCH...

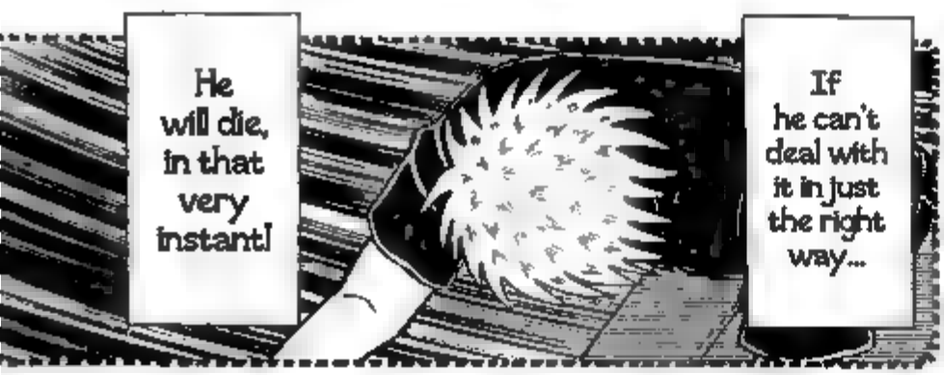
AL-REA-DY!
HOW COULD IT HAVE COME TO THIS?!

THAT WAS TOO CLOSE, JUST NOW!

A mis-judg-ment ...
FUCK!
JUST AS I WAS THINKING WE HAD OUR MO-MENTUM BACK...

It would not be an easy battle in any sense.
This round would not be as Ohgi had so optimistically surmised...
Unfortunately...
ゴト..
It was an obvious misjudgment.
ゴト..
ゴト..

...He could do nothing to stop himself from plummeting into the abyss!
If he were to make one wrong move...
There would be a cripplingly strong headwind!


He will die, in that very instant!
If he can't deal with it in just the right way...

He can't allow himself to lose focus!
That was the strength of this headwind!

No... Even if he does everything correctly...

He may have no way around his inevitable death!

That is the level of this head-wind!!

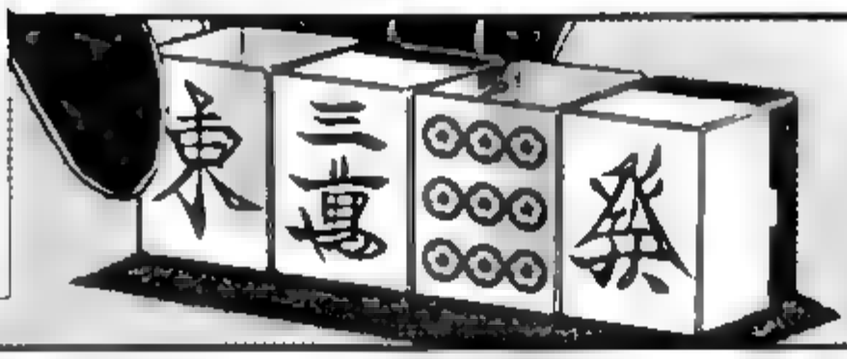
CHAPTER 144: MALICIOUS
第144話 邪気

ざわ…
ざわ…
ざわ…
... There is no indi- cation of it!
Akagi: 24,000 Points, -2000 cc
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 572.5 Million
Washizu: 25,000 Points
Remaining Funds: 27.5 Million
If there is anyone who does think it is hopeless...
And in fact...
They do not think he is destined to die...
They do not think it is hope- less...
.....
Neither Yasuoka nor Ohgi!
Nobody thinks Akagi is helpless, now!

He is beginning to have doubts!

...It could only be Washizu!

...But it was shut down!



He made it to one tile from Tenpai on a Mangan hand...

But this image he received -

Was only because -

...He were merely Akagi's plaything

Washizu began to feel as though...

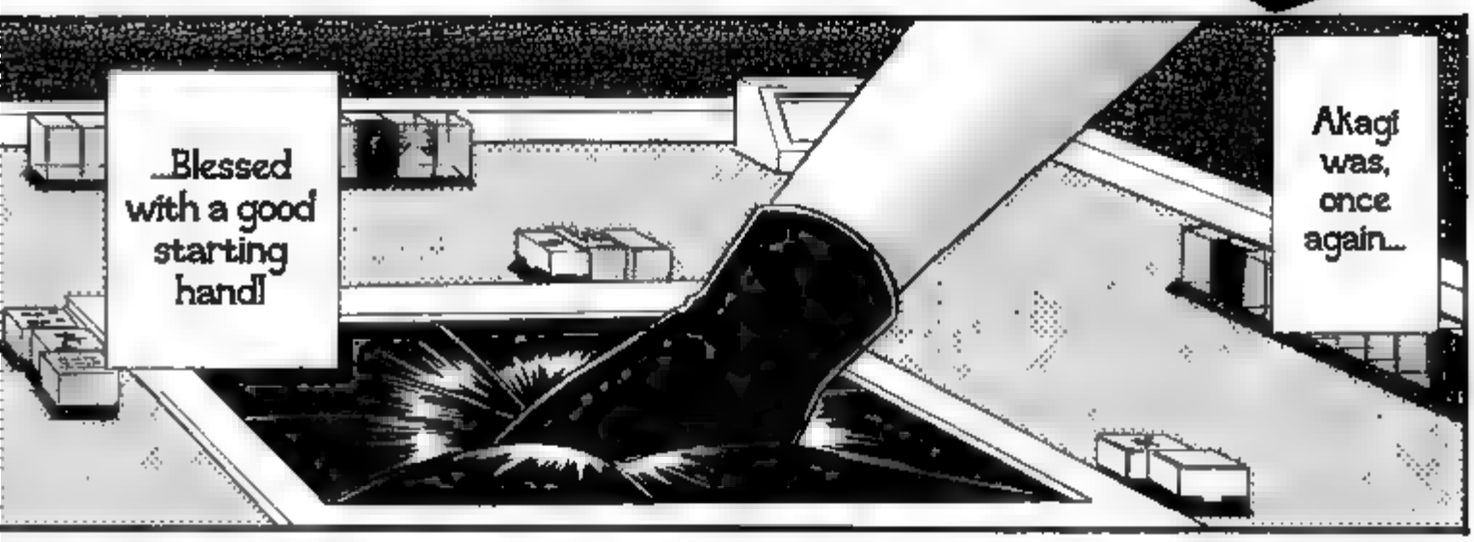
.....

He had been stopped again!

That he dealt in and had no choice to run away!
He could not see that simple fact!
He could not see that Akagi gave up his dealer turn...
He could not see it!
The dark clouds looming over his fate...
.....
Was Akagi himself!
The only one in the entire room who could sense...
Only Akagi could!

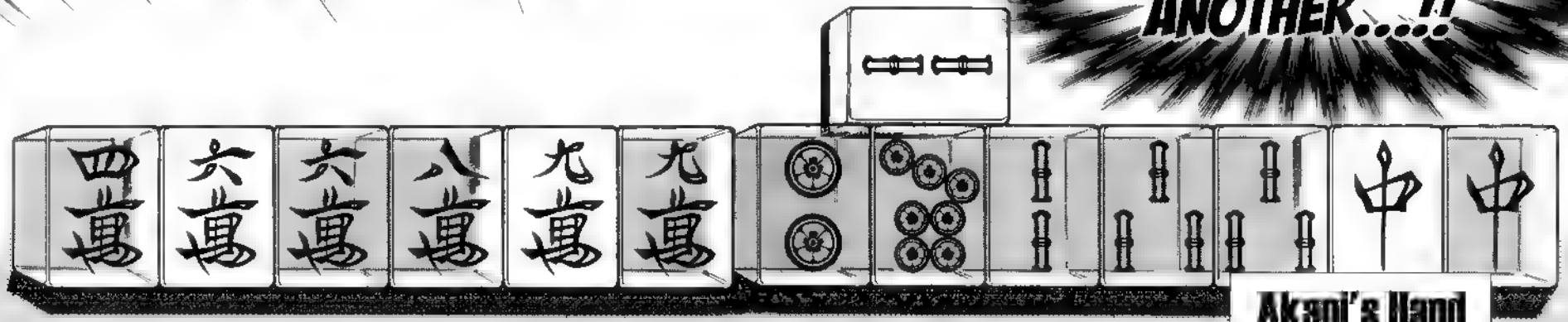
He felt a sort of malicious-ness...
A bad omen that the road ahead would be fraught with peril!
Akagi's Hand

In this East 2nd Round, as well...
Be that as it may ...
But re-gard-less...

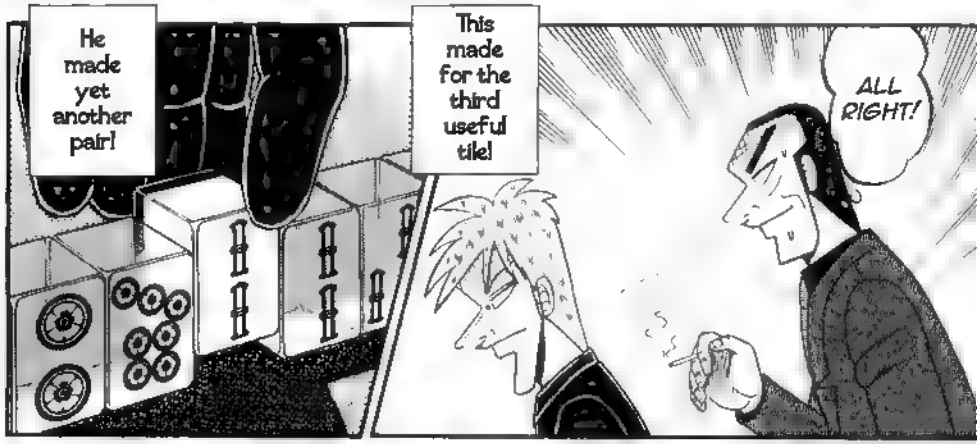

...Blessed with a good starting hand!
Akagi was, once again...

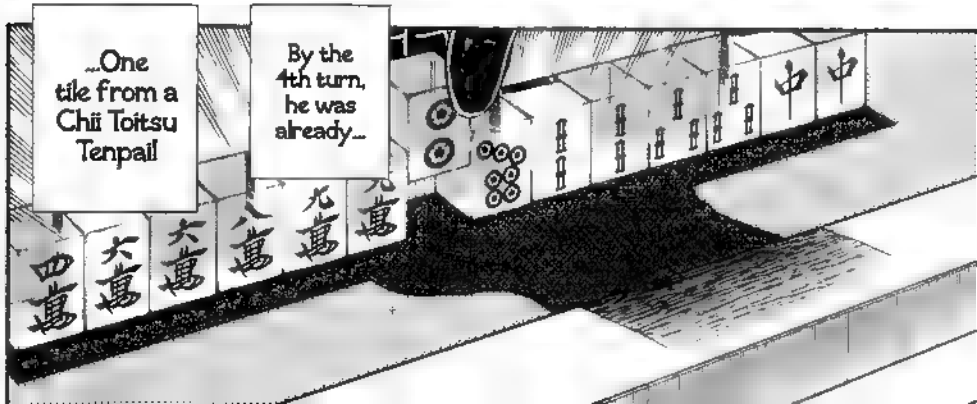
On the fourth turn...
That, after pairing two additional tiles in his hand...
.....
And that good hand of his allowed for the devel-opment...

...HE PAIRED UP YET ANOTHER...!!

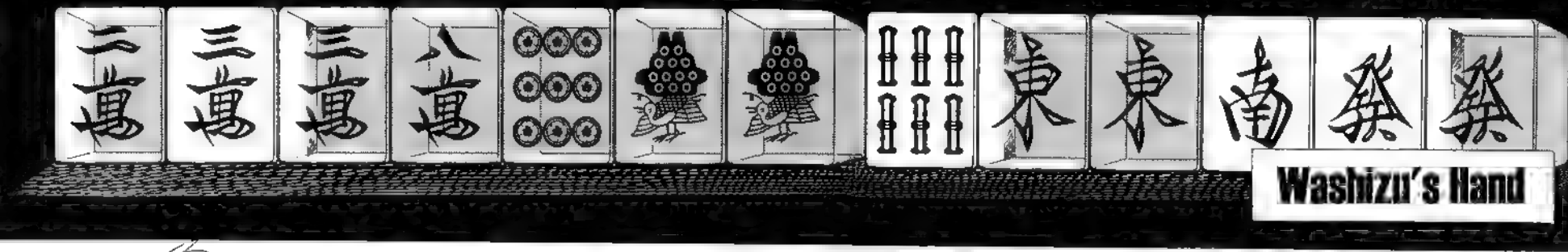


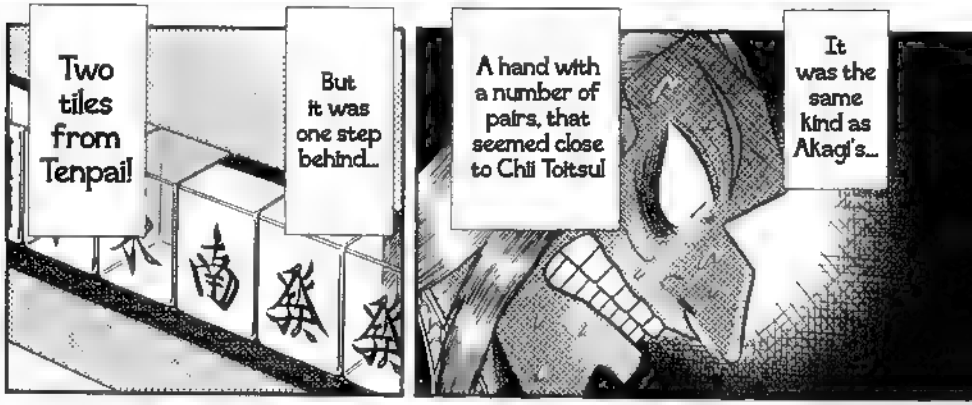
Akagi's Hand





WAS STILL TRAILING BEHIND WITH THIS....!!




Two tiles from Tenpai!
But it was one step behind...
A hand with a number of pairs, that seemed close to Chii Toitsu!
It was the same kind as Akagi's...

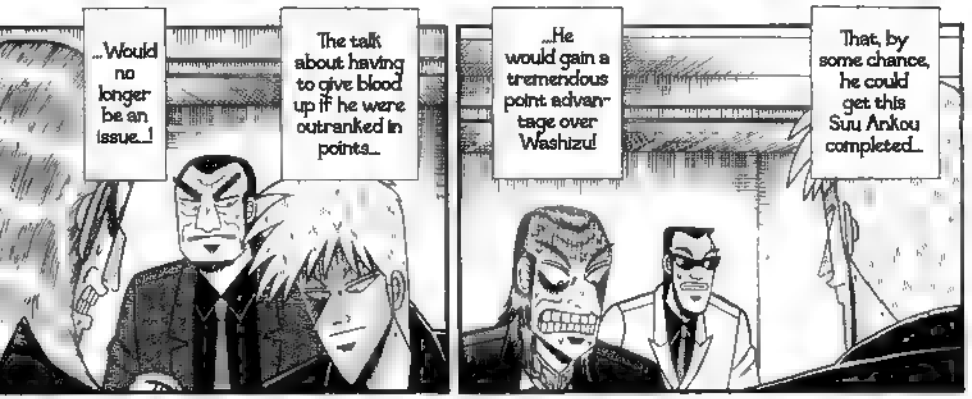
DOWN THE
ROAD LESS
TRAVELED!

It builds up!

Against all odds ...!
GGH ....!

Swells up, dramatically...!
The value of Akagi's hand...
KGH...!
Granted him two additional Closed Triplets!
Before he knew it...
Akagi's draws on the 5th and 7th turns...
Yes...
WHAT'S GOING ON, HERE?!
ANOTHER ONE...!

...HE WAS ONE TILE FROM A SUU ANKOU TENPAI.....!!


...Would no longer be an issue...!
The talk about having to give blood up if he were outranked in points...

...He would gain a tremendous point advantage over Washizu!
That, by some chance, he could get this Suu Ankou completed...

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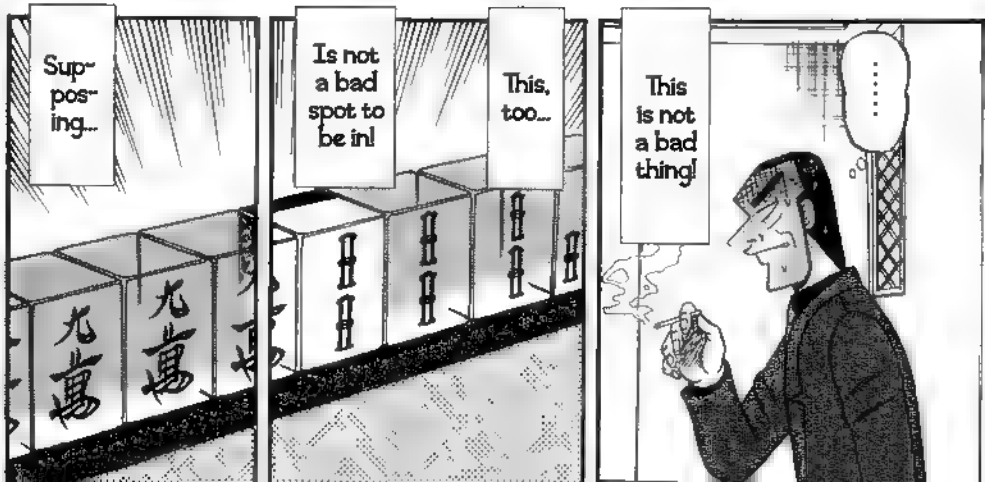
An agonizing road to follow!
That would be nearly impossible...
Thinking about it realistically...
And yet...
It would fly right out the window!


Supposing...
Is not a bad spot to be in!
This, too...
This is not a bad thing!
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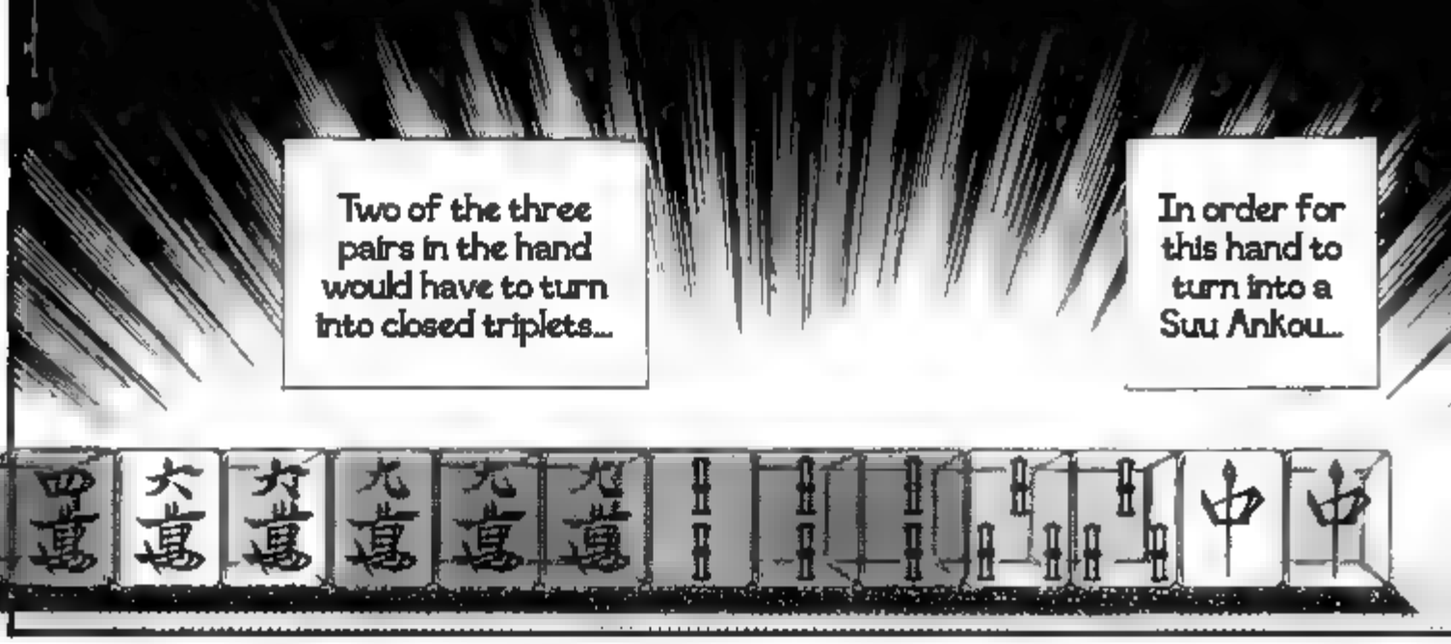
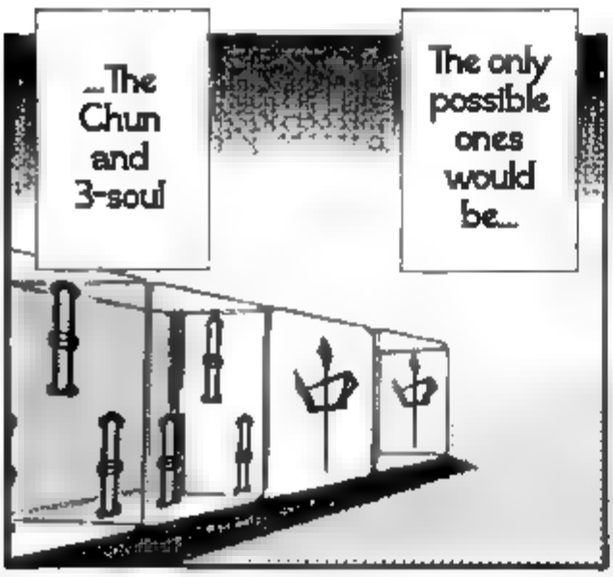
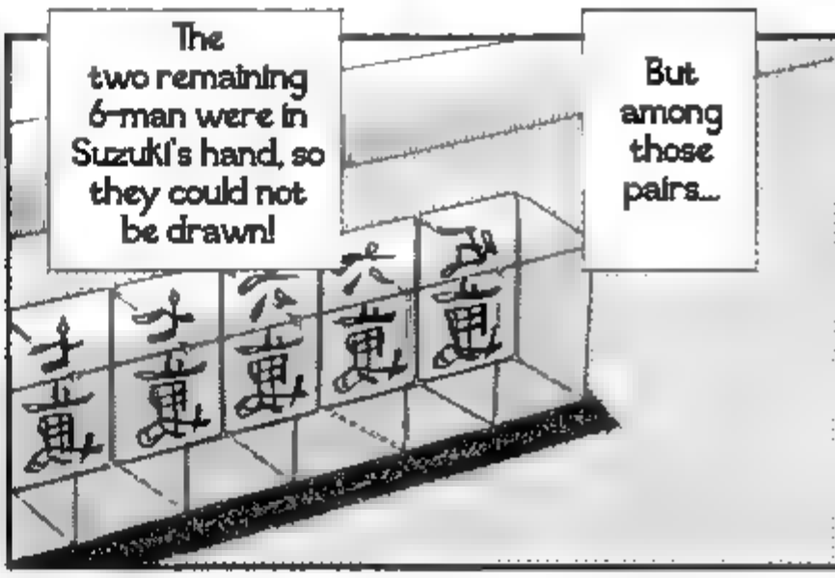
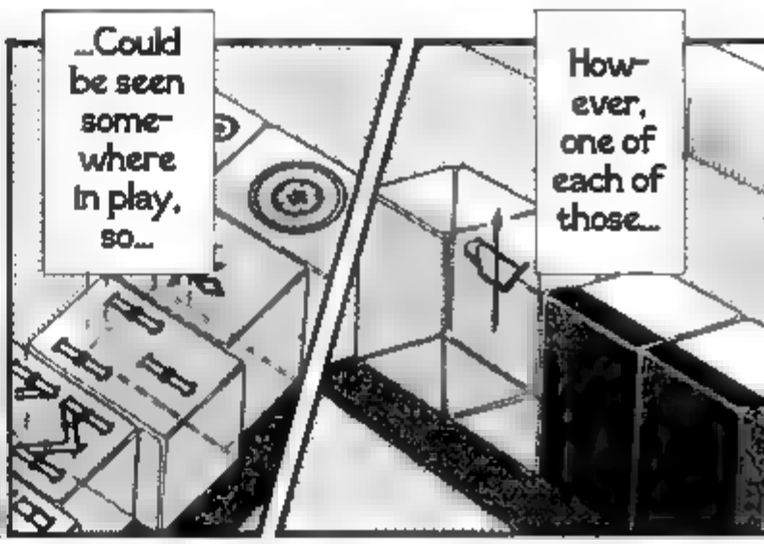
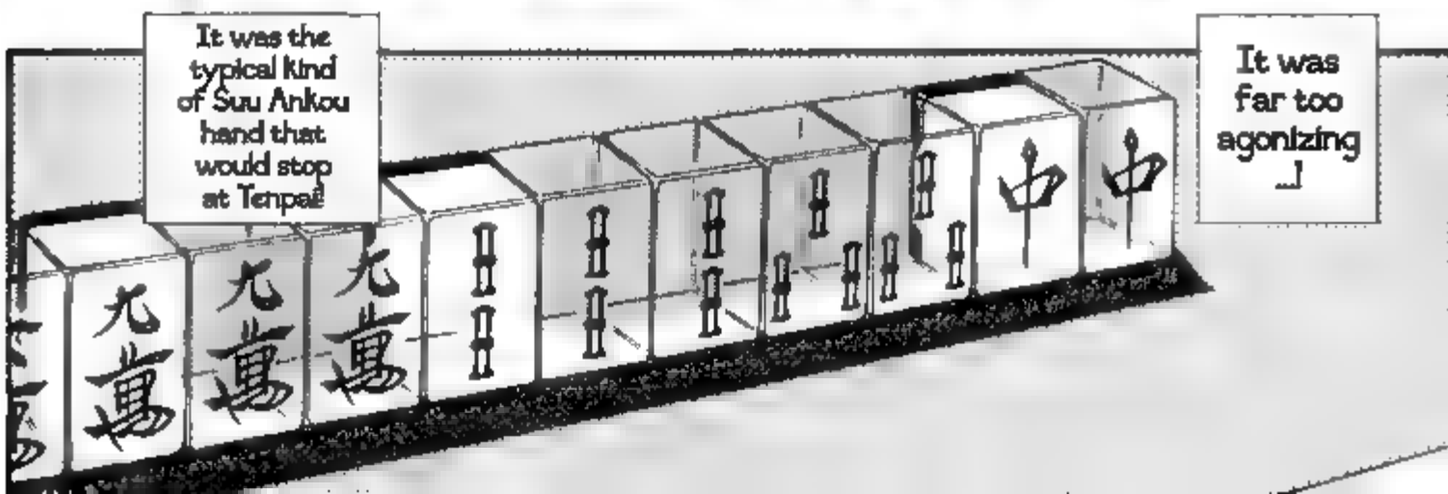

Two of the three pairs in the hand would have to turn into closed triplets...
In order for this hand to turn into a Suu Ankou...


...The Chun and 3-sou!
The only possible ones would be...

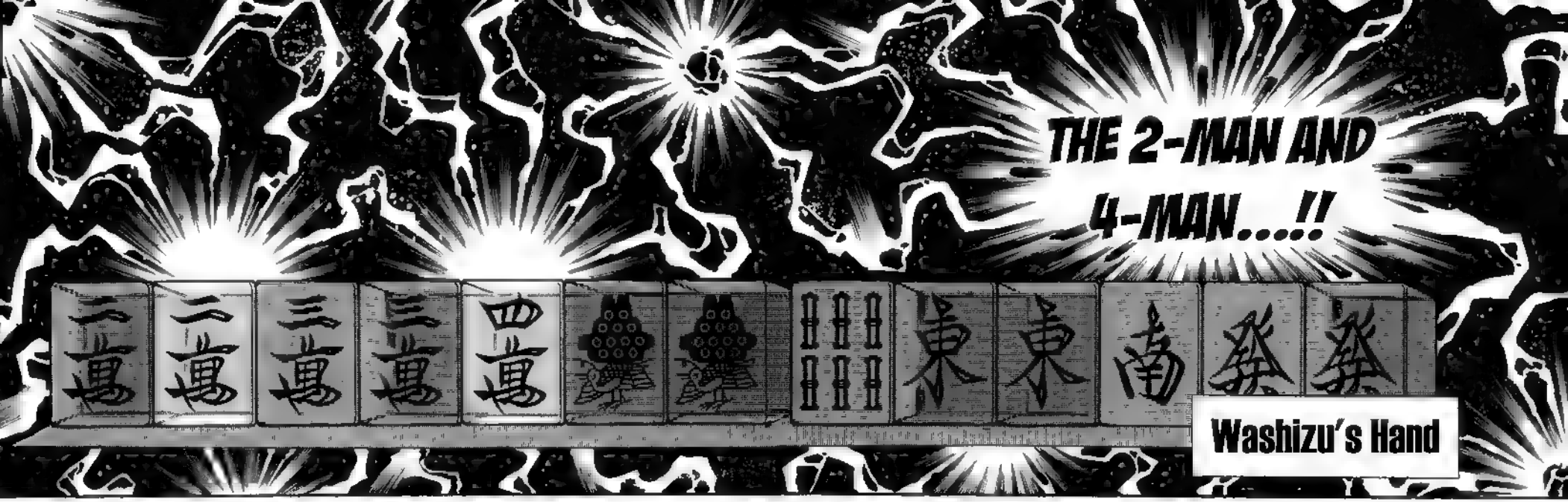

The two remaining 6-man were in Suzuki's hand, so they could not be drawn!
But among those pairs...

...Still remained able to be drawn...
Only one of the Chun and 3-sou...
So thinking ratio-nally...


...Could be seen some-where in play, so...
How-ever, one of each of those...

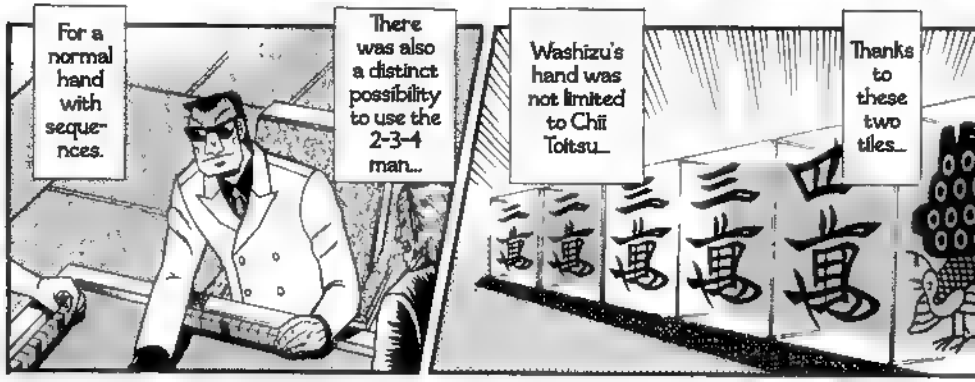

It was the typical kind of Suu Ankou hand that would stop at Tenpai!
It was far too agonizing ...!

And on the contrary...
Before that, he was hoping for a quick, easy hand!
Right now, he had no need for such a large hand!
It was too heavy handed!
...in that he had also gotten 2 useful tiles in the past 3 turns...
Washizu, though his situation was similar...
The possible yaku he could make and waits he could form had increased!
...Opened up his hand even wider!
The two tiles that Washizu had drawn...
The quality of those two draws was different!
These two draws were extremely versatile!

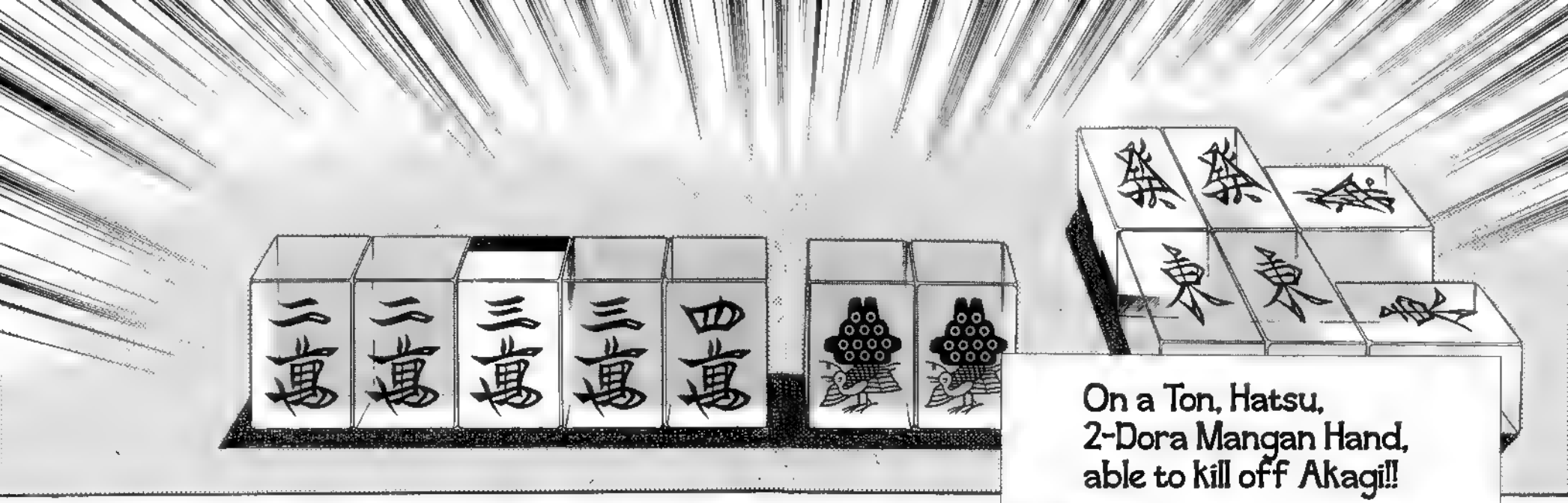

THE 2-MAN AND 4-MAN....!!
Washizu's Hand

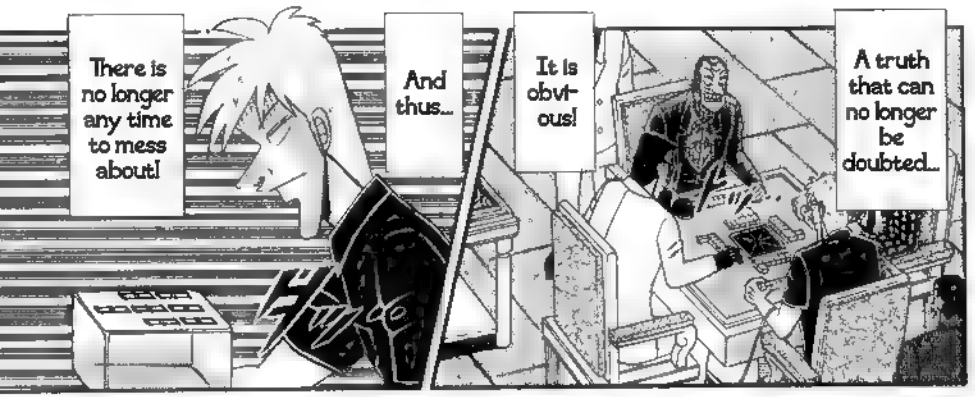
He makes yet another call on the 9th turn...
And in the blink of an eye...
PON!
And then...

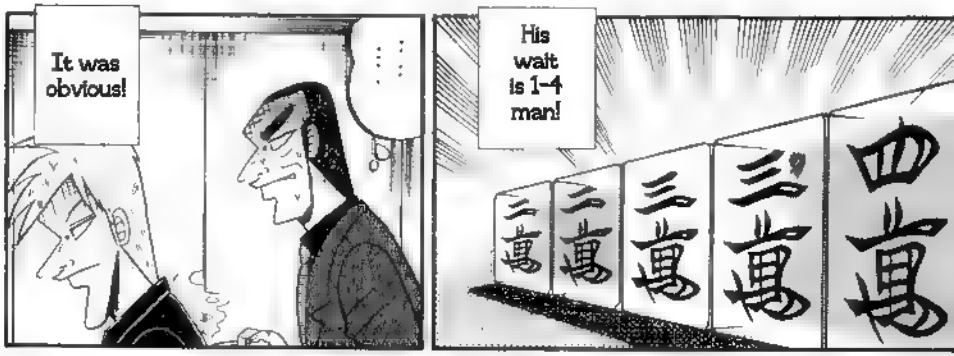
He reaches Tenpai!
GGH ....!


For a normal hand with sequences.
There was also a distinct possibility to use the 2-3-4 man...
Washizu's hand was not limited to Chii Toitsu...
Thanks to these two tiles...

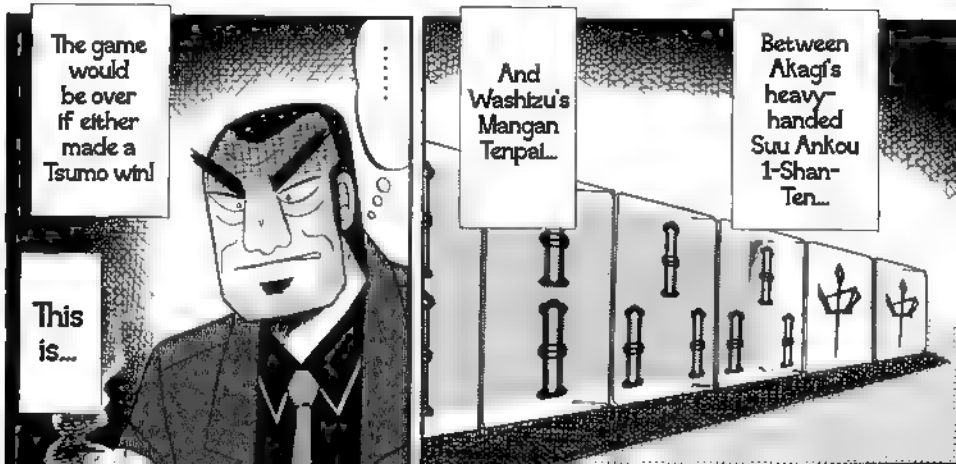
PON!
He makes a call to advance his hand!
Washizu does exactly that!
And, on the 8th Turn...
He could certainly switch over to that other hand type!


On a Ton, Hatsu, 2-Dora Mangan Hand, able to kill off Akagi!!


There is no longer any time to mess about!
And thus...
It is obvious!
A truth that can no longer be doubted...


It was obvious!
His wait is 1-4 man!

And so he retreats!
He cannot continue to do whatever he pleases...
He is out of time!


The game would be over if either made a Tsumo win!
This is...
And Washizu's Mangan Tenpai...
Between Akagi's heavy-handed Suu Ankou 1-Shan-Ten...

PON!
Gets rid of his Suu Ankou...
Akagi ...
And falls back!

He takes a 1300-point hand and runs away!
Chun only!
RON!
GG HHH ...!
He avoids it!
GRR GGHH ...!
Just as in the East 1st Round, he scrapes together a win to shut him out!
By the skin of his teeth!

Was not able to come to fruition!
Was- hizu's hand...
DAM- MIT...!
Once again!

The one who had the winds of chance blowing their way...
The one who had control of the game...
Be that as it may...
How- ever...

...Was un- doubtedly this man, Washizu Iwao...!

This was clear!
The flow favored Washizu!

Only winning by the skin of his teeth!
ゴト..
By using these wins...
ゴト..

Could not hope to overcome that...
And Akagi ...

The one and only aid that he had in this situation...
The truth of the matter was, he was at a significant disadvantage!
.....
He was disadvantaged!

The monster was still lost in the din of his good fortune...
Was that, for now... Washizu had not realized this truth!
He was unaware of just how favorable a position he was in, for the time being!
This was Akagi's only advantage!

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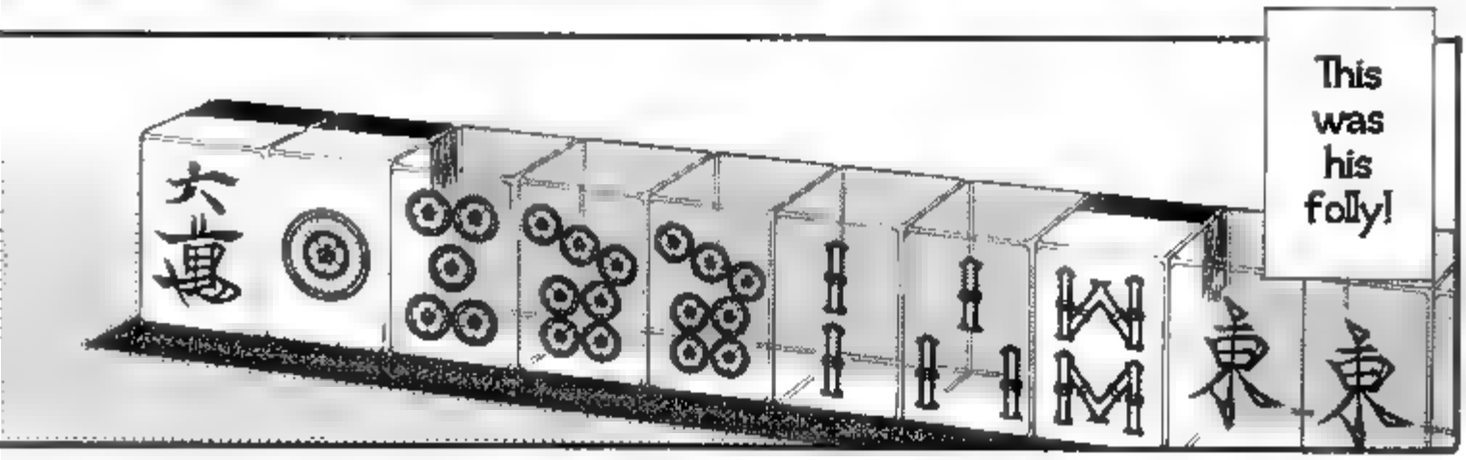
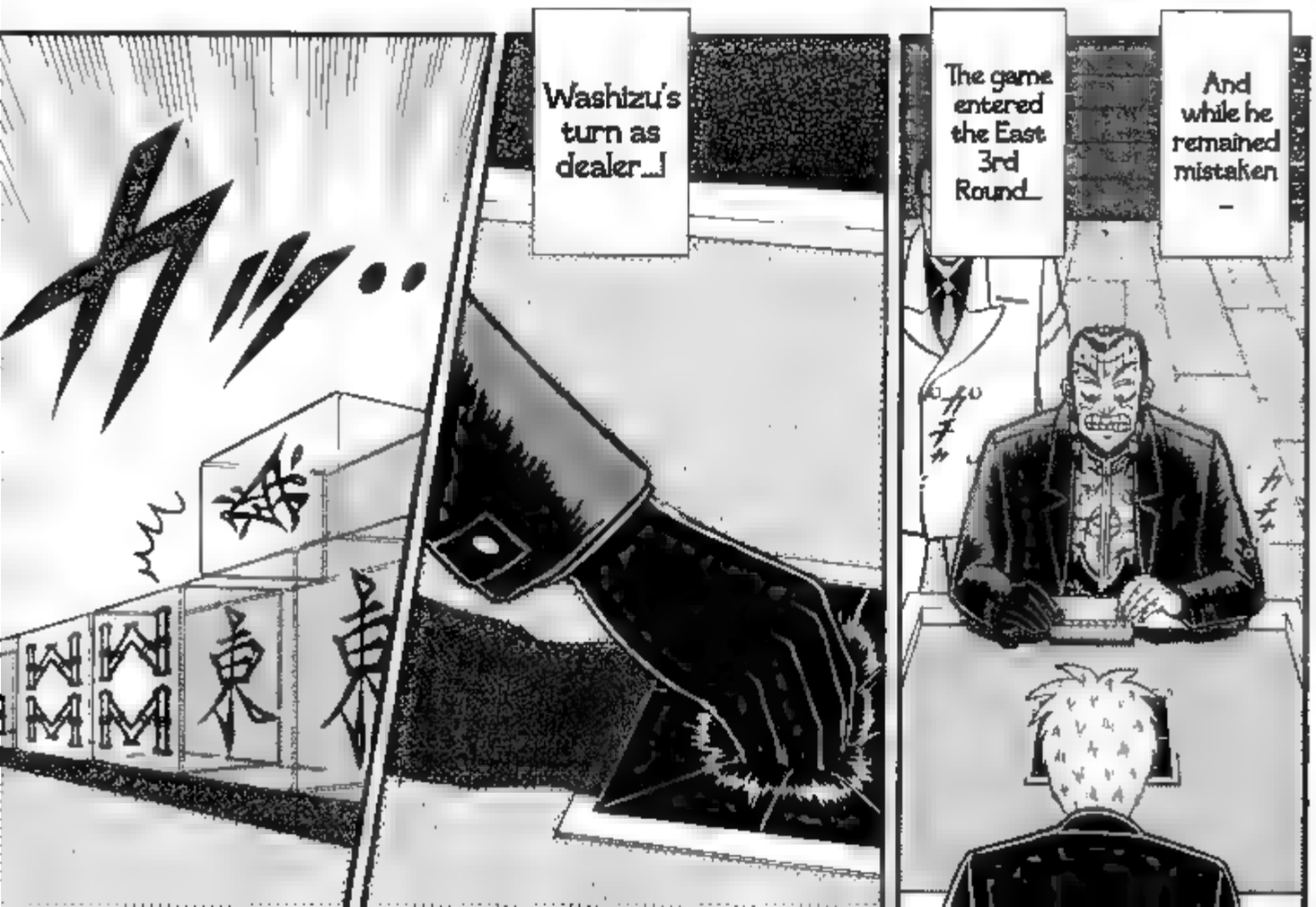
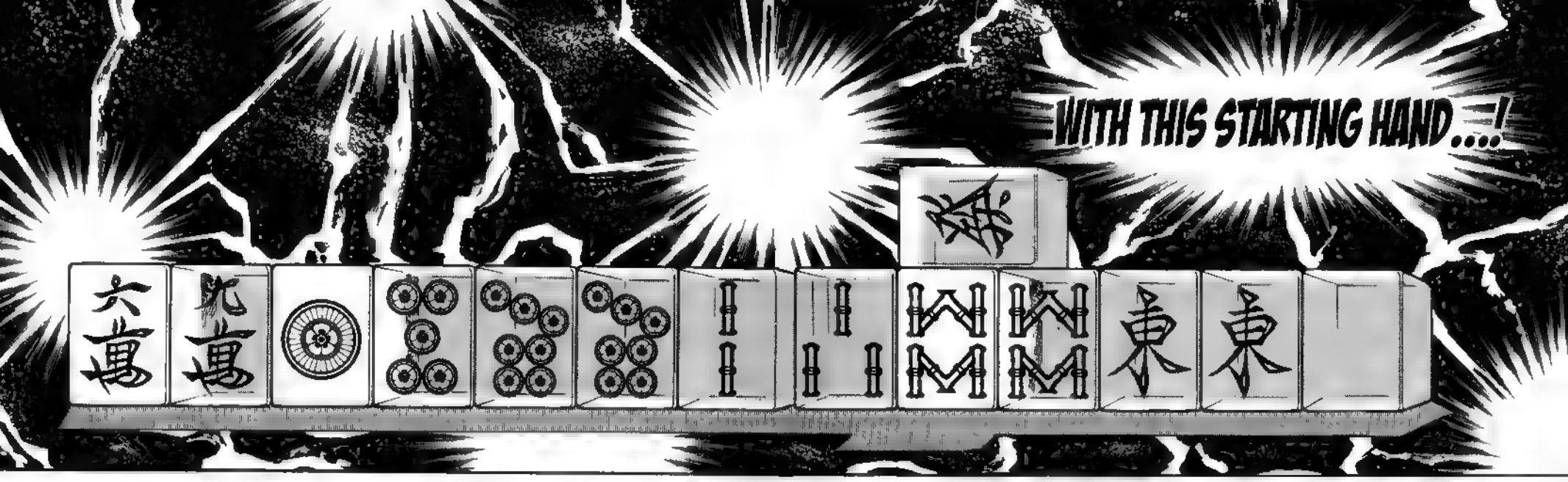
.....
He had yet to realize!
Was-hizu...
Had tremen-dously good for-tune...!

Truly the luck of an Emperor!
This much –
Had already been expres-sed!
And yet, Washizu had yet to piece together the meaning of what was happening before him!

He was mistaken!
About Akagi's circum-stance...
And, in fact, his own!

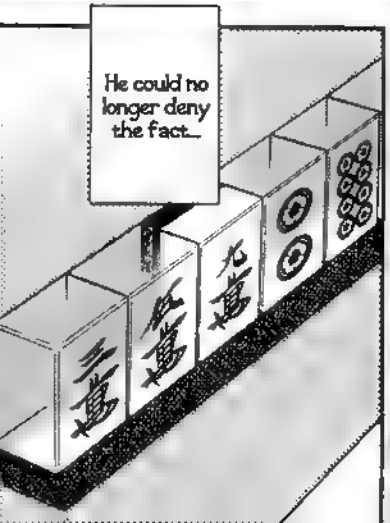

This was his folly!


And while he remained mistaken —
The game entered the East 3rd Round...
Washizu's turn as dealer...!
Hmm..

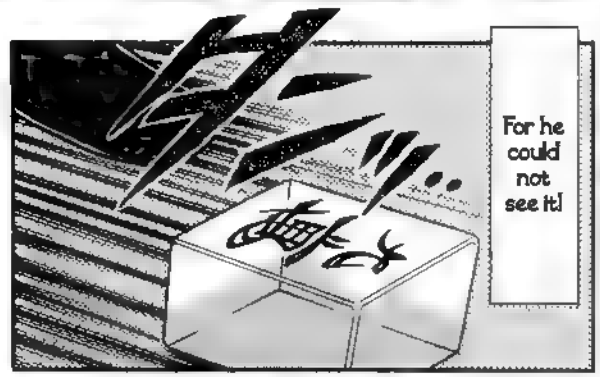

WITH THIS STARTING HAND...!

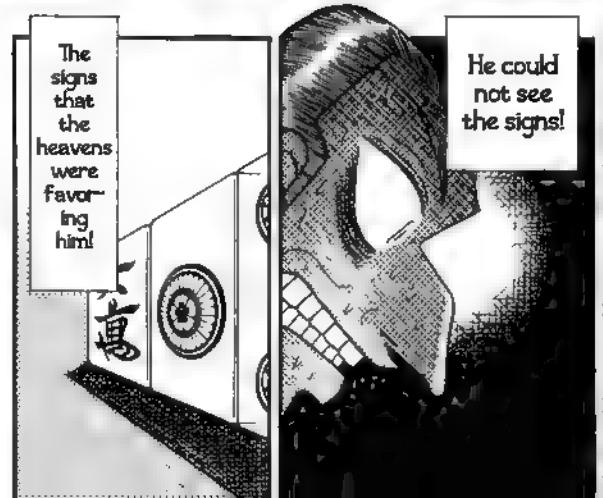
However...
...Was Akagi alone!

The only one who could see them...

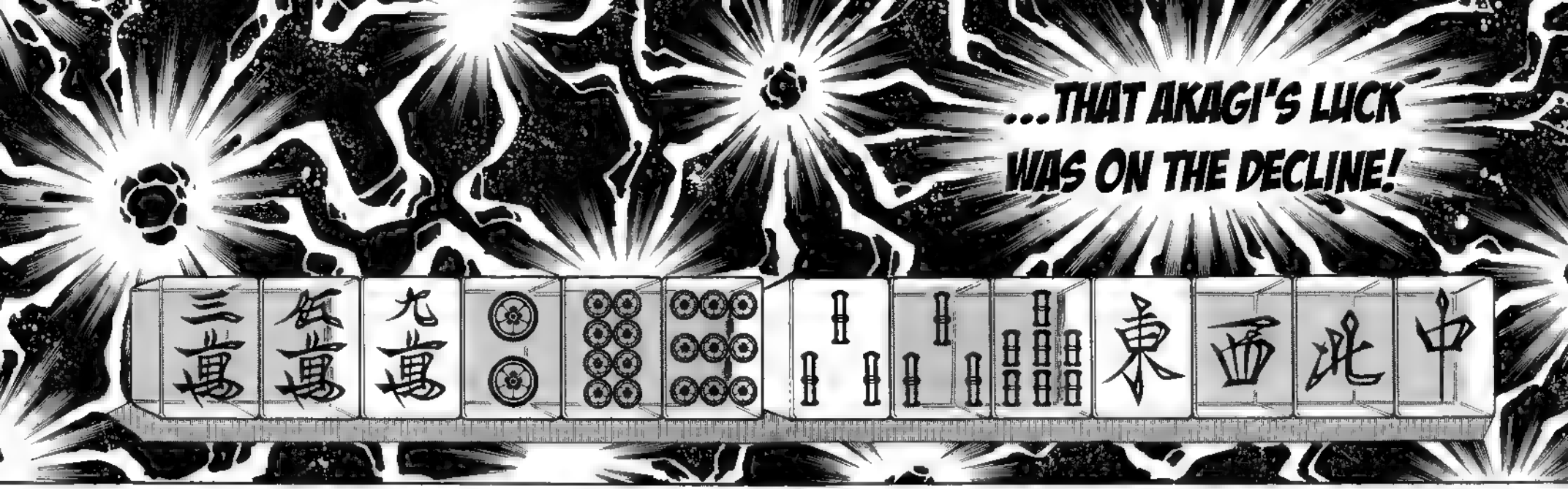

He could no longer deny the fact...

Ohgi had realized!
As one would expect from being able to look on from behind...
By this, the East 3rd Round...


For he could not see it!


The signs that the heavens were favoring him!
He could not see the signs!

And yet, he continued to frown!


...THAT AKAGI'S LUCK
WAS ON THE DECLINE!

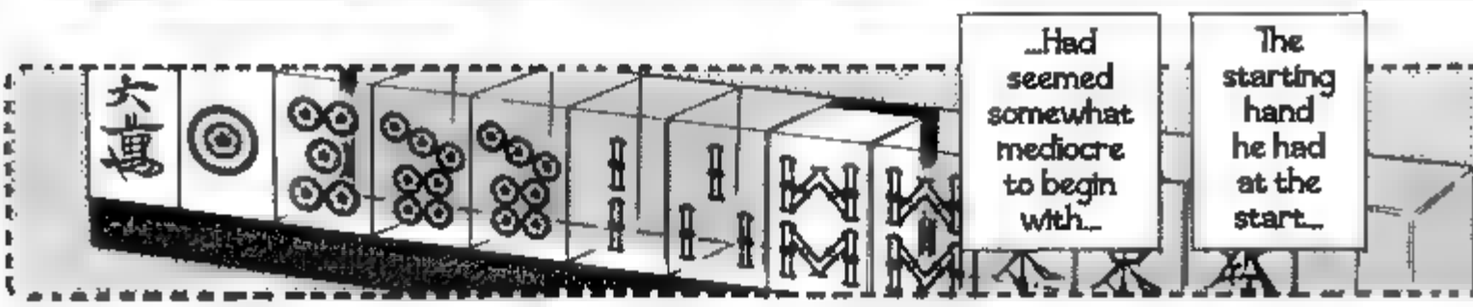
And even with that in mind...

His hand was in shambles... An absolutely unusable flow ...!
He continued to draw useless Honor Tiles again and again...
His draws were indecisive!

Based on the appearance of the good parts of the hand...
But still...
A brutal starting hand!

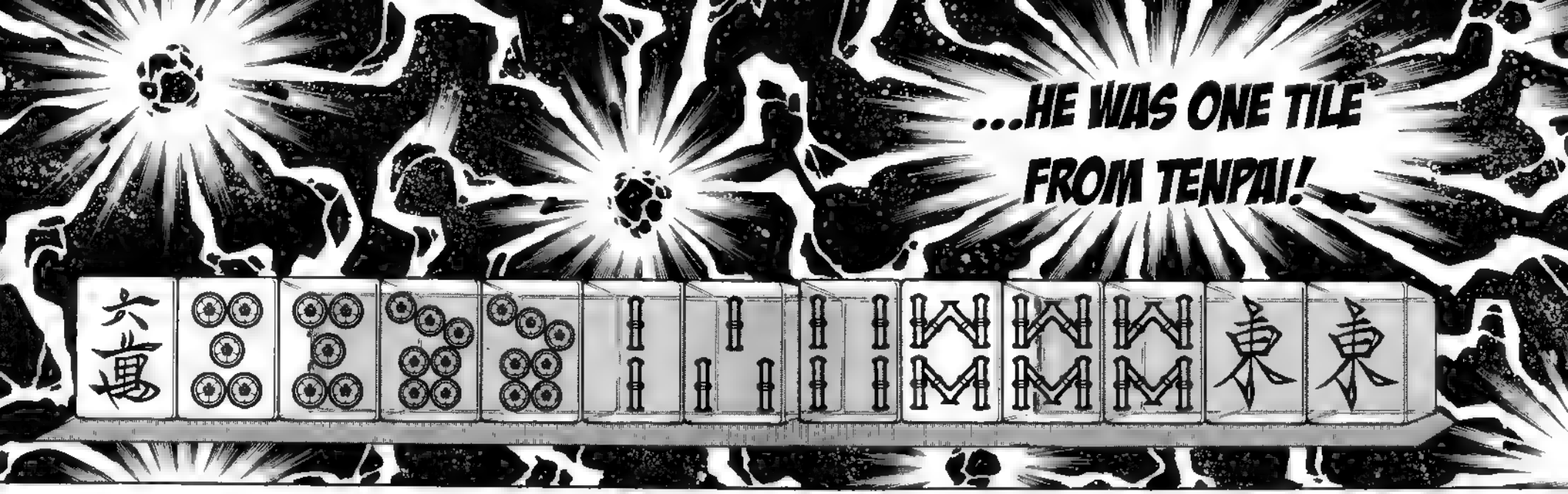
Was miles away!
That kind of hand...
The best shape would be for it to get to Pinfu... But even then...

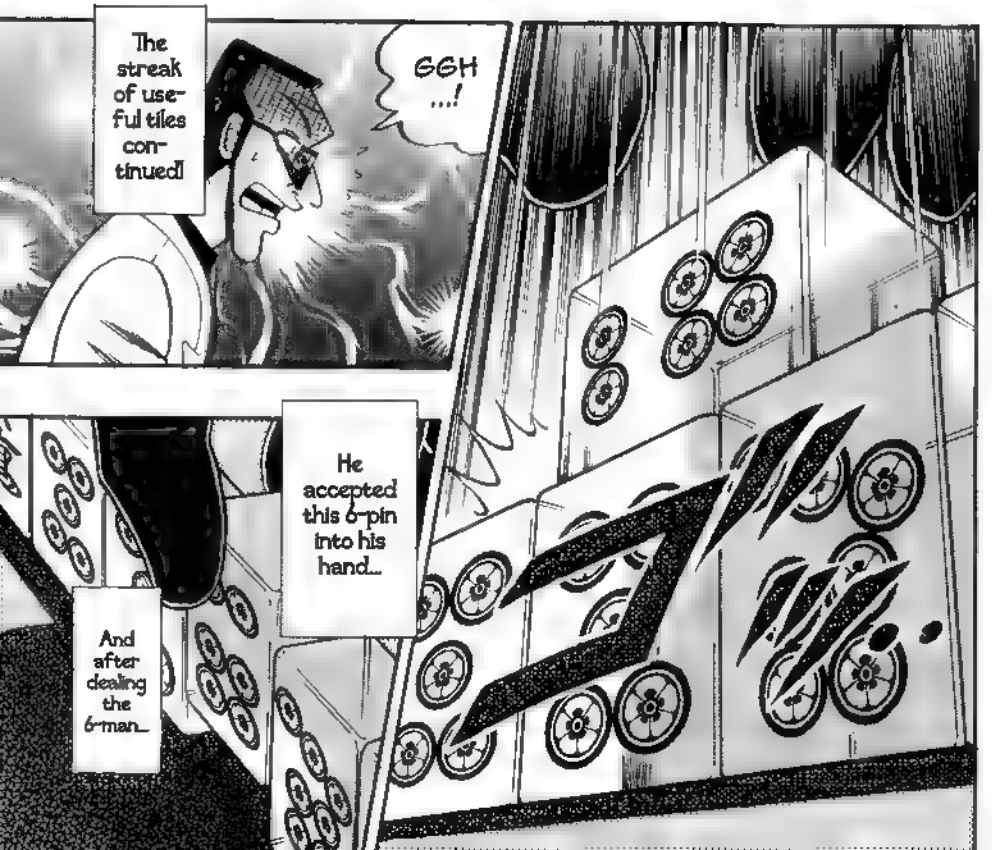
On the other hand...
From Washizu's perspective...


...Had seemed somewhat mediocre to begin with...
The starting hand he had at the start...

The 3rd Turn...
On the 2nd Turn...
But everything afterwards was incredible...!

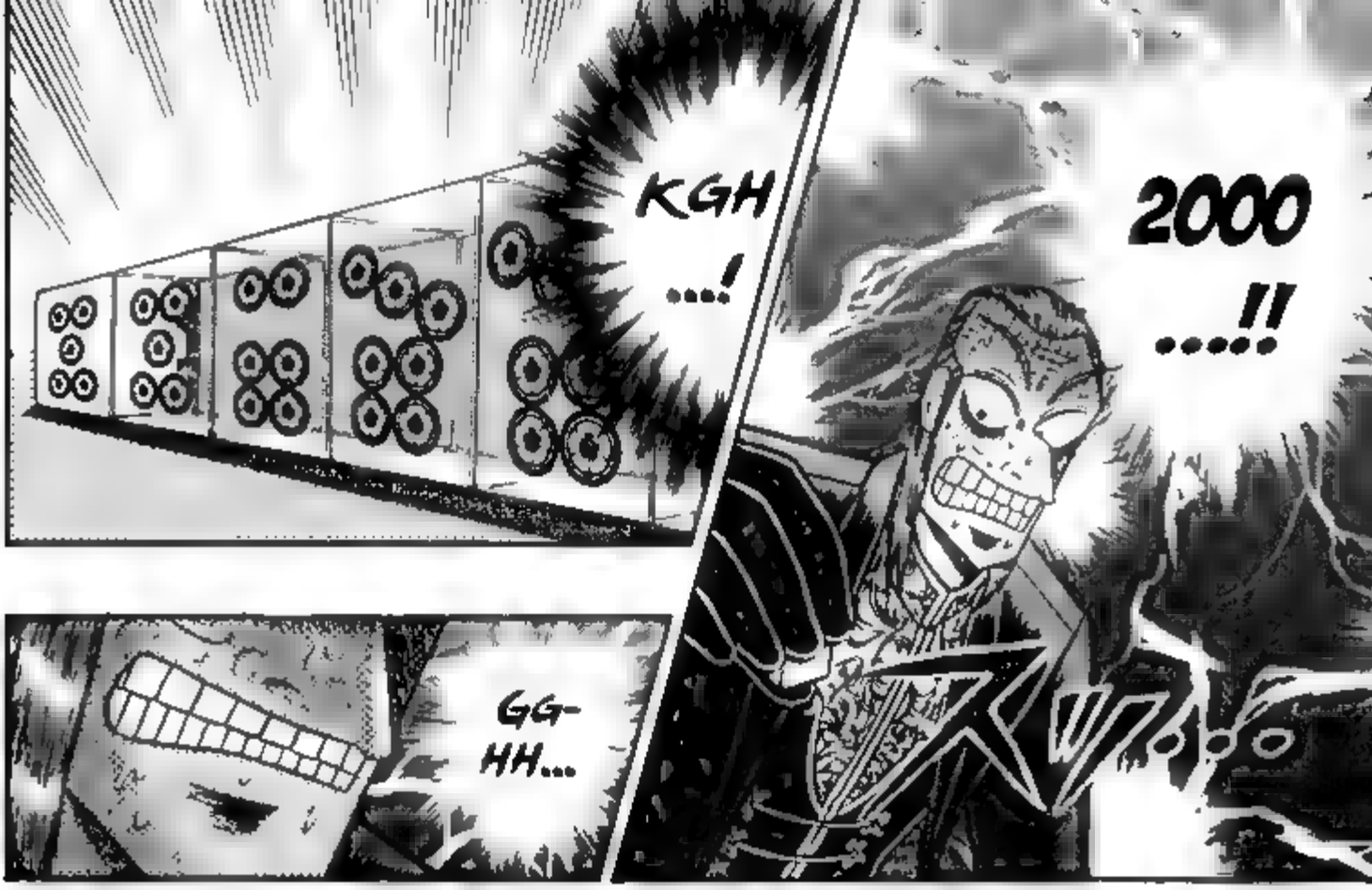
And now, the 4th Turn...!
He had drawn nothing but the best tiles...
GGH ...!
And before he knew it...


...HE WAS ONE TILE FROM TENPAI!

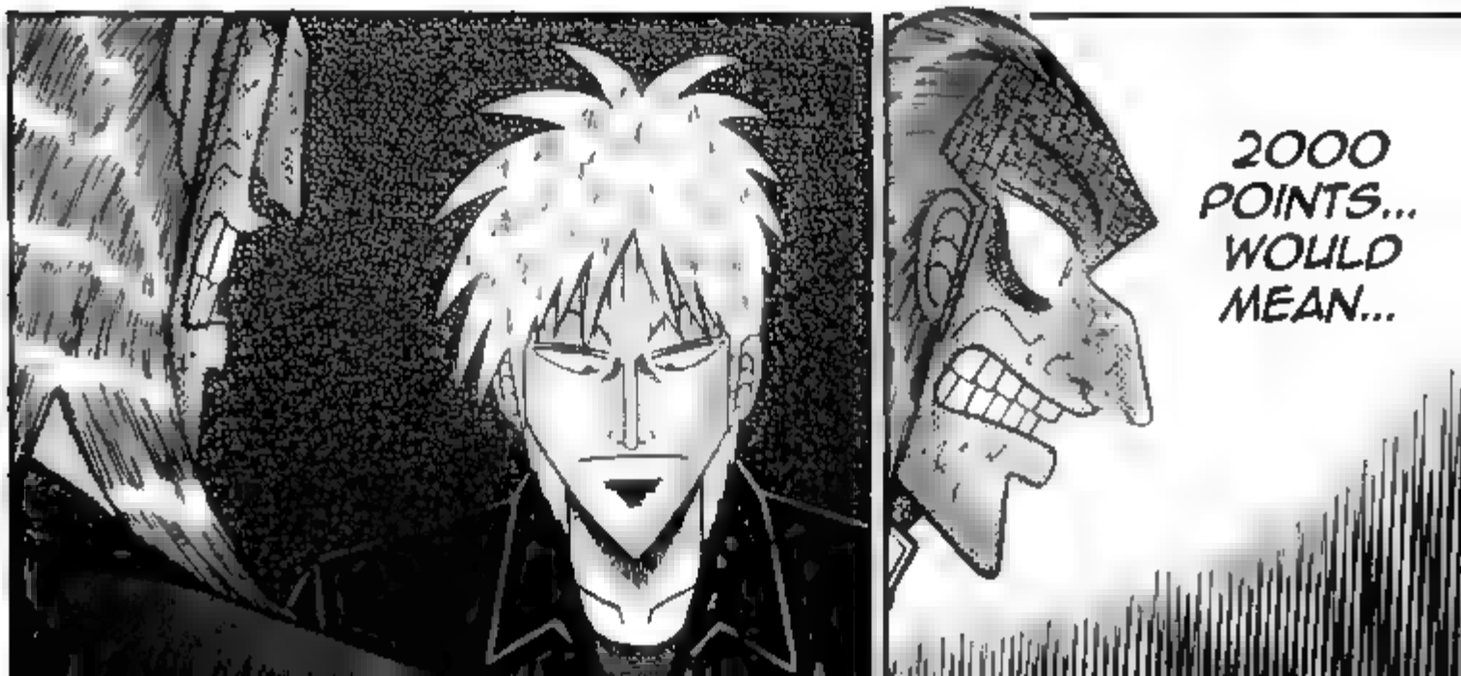

The streak of useful tiles continued!
GGH ....!
He accepted this 6-pin into his hand...
And after dealing the 6-man...

KGH ....!
Without a single wasted draw, he had made it to 1-Shan-Ten!
On the 5th Turn ...
Without a single wasted draw...
And then...

...HE WOULD BE IN TENPAI!
IT WOULD BE RIICHI, II PEI KOU, MENZEN TSUMO...
IF I CALL RIICHI NOW...
ざわ
GAH ...!
SO A TSUMO WOULD BE WORTH 2000 POINTS FROM EVERYONE ..!
3 HAN, 30 FU...
He had made it to Tenpai, this was fact!
The question then became...
And while this was not the best possible shape...
He had a closed wait...
Or should he hold off for now...?
Should he call riichi...


KGH ...!
2000 ...!!
GG-HH...

A TSUMO WOULD ONLY BE 2000 FROM EVERY-ONE.. IF I DON'T GET ANY URA-DORA
DON'T BE IMPA-TIENT!
I WANT TO GO FOR IT, BUT I MUSTN'T!
STOP IT!
NO...


2000 POINTS... WOULD MEAN...

THAT MAN...!!
...I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO KILL...
THAT 200 CCS...
IT WOULD BE 2000...!
I WOULD NOT REACH IT!
...WOULD NOT REACH THE LETHAL LIMIT!

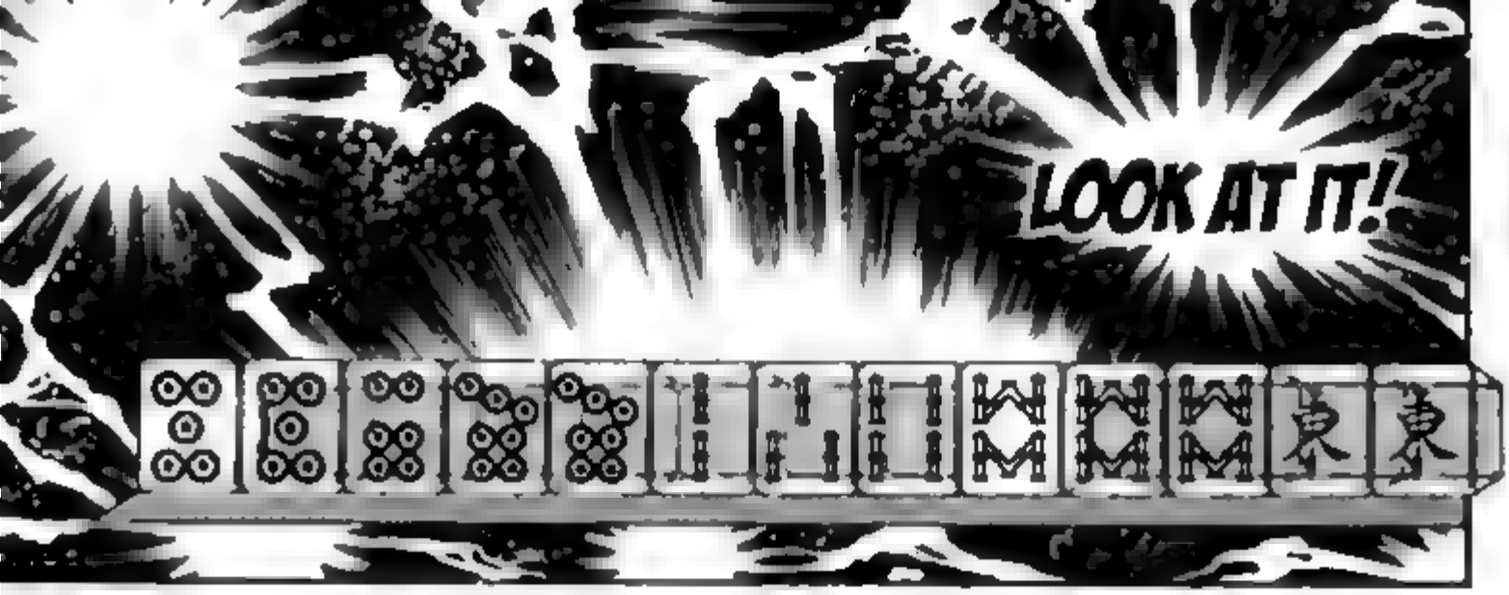
I WOULD BE LET-TING THAT DEMON LIVE!!
HE WOULD STILL KEEP HIS LIFE!

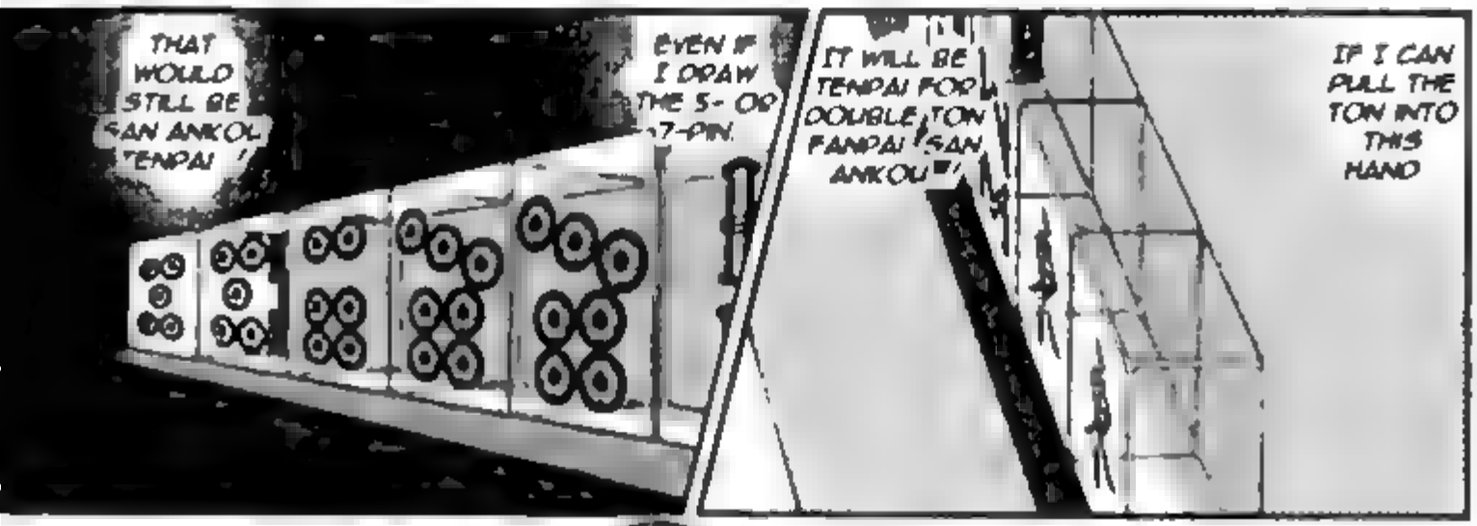
YES ...!

THAT'S RIGHT ...!

STAY CALM ...!

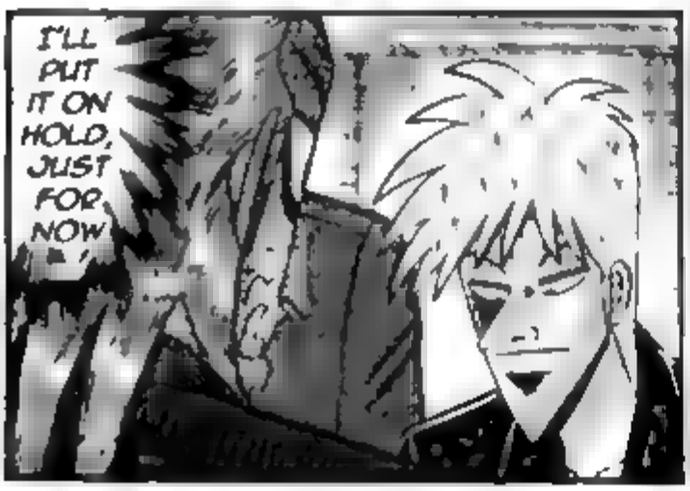
I CAN'T BE SO QUICK TO ACT...
I MUST CALM DOWN ...!


LOOK AT IT!

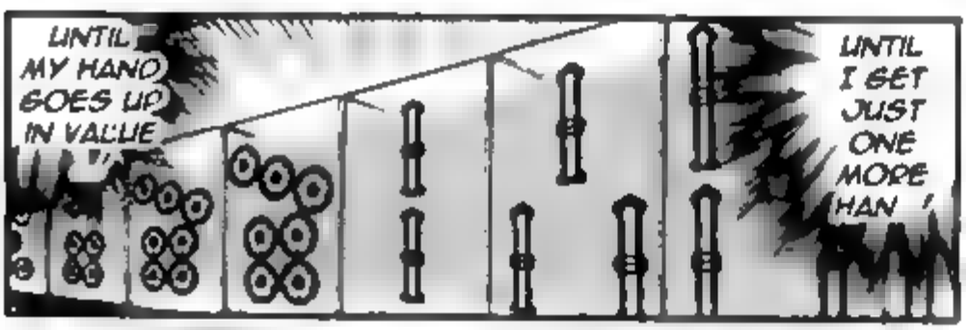

THAT WOULD STILL BE SAN ANKOU TENPAI!
EVEN IF I DRAW THE 5-OO 7-PIN.
IT WILL BE TENPAI FOR DOUBLE TON FANPAI SAN ANKOU!
IF I CAN PULL THE TON INTO THIS HAND

THIS HAND IS STILL ABLE...
TAKE IT FUR-THER!
I COULD WORK THE DORA, 5-SOU, INTO MY HAND, AS WELL!

SO...
TO GO EVEN FUR-THER ...!!


I'LL PUT IT ON HOLD, JUST FOR NOW...

DON'T CHICKEN OUT...!!


UNTIL MY HAND GOES UP IN VALUE...
UNTIL I GET JUST ONE MORE HAND...

IT'S FINE...!!

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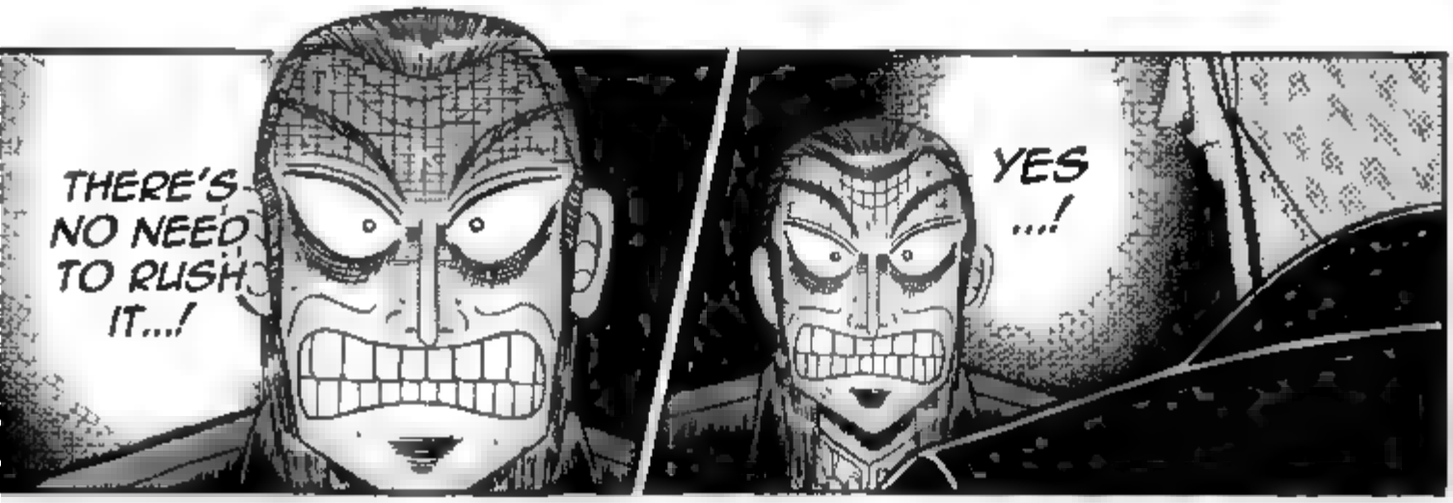
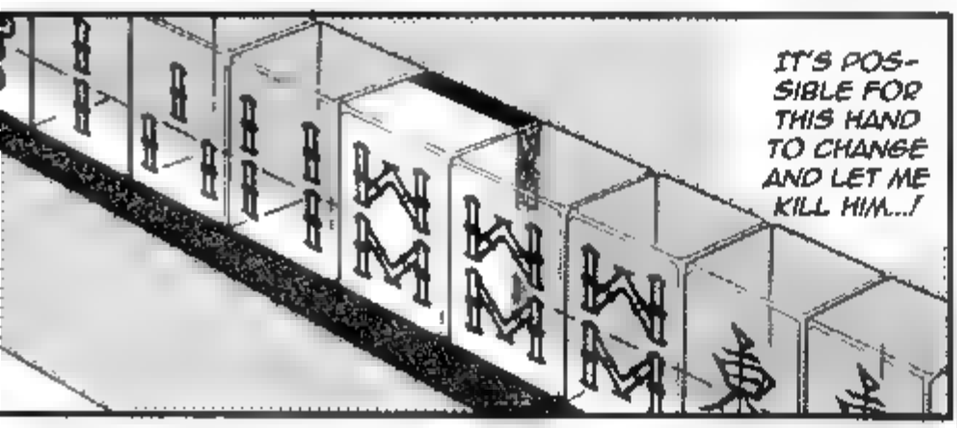
I'LL CONTINUE TO WAIT...

STILL HASN'T COME TO-GETHER!
THE BRAT'S HAND...
Akagi's Hand
I STILL HAVE TIME ...!


THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH IT...!
YES ...!

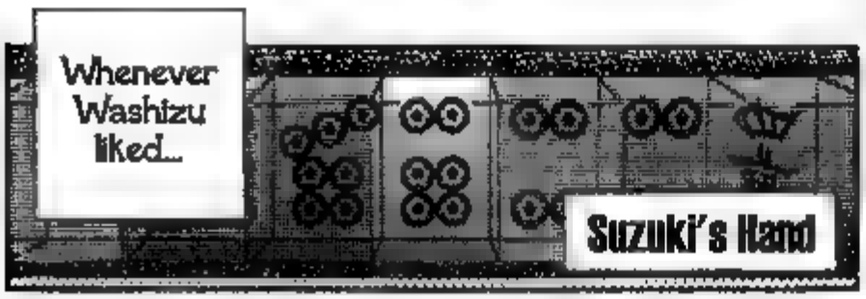

IT'S POS-SIBLE FOR THIS HAND TO CHANGE AND LET ME KILL HIM...!

At this time...

IT'S POS-SIBLE ...!

Was one of the tiles that his underling, Suzuki, had!
.....

The 6-pin ...
The fact of the matter was, Washizu's winning tile...


Whenever Washizu liked...
Suzuki's Hand

At this time ...
But...
Was-hizu...

...He could have his hand dealt into ...!

...Did not so much as glance at Suzuki!

From the beginning...
GGH ...!
This was beyond expectations!

He was ignoring Suzuki!
He had not thought of having his hand dealt into...
...He had not even considered him!

Because of a Tsumo ...!!
For a Tsumo ...!

That he could kill Akagi if he made a Tsumo!!
Because it was possible ...

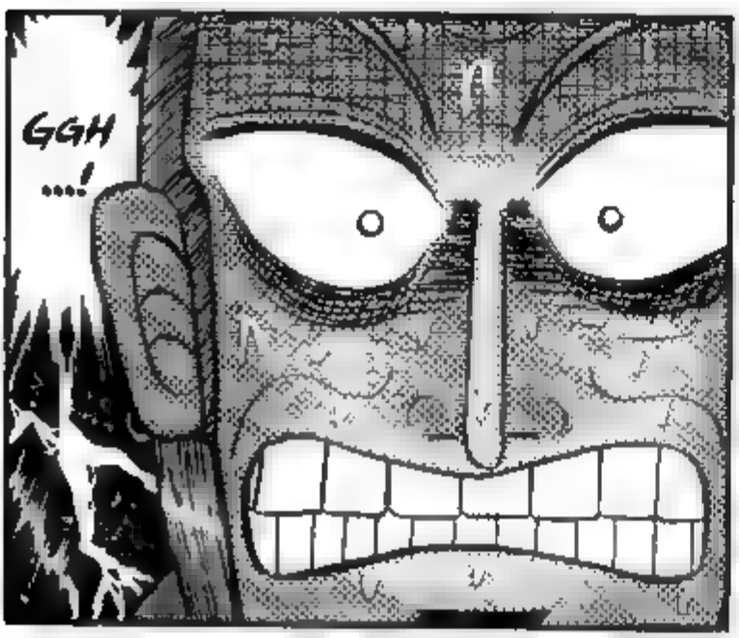
At that moment ...
ピ...ピ...ピ...

KGH ...!
Washizu could think of nothing else!

TCH ...!
There was nothing else to be done!
GRRA HH...!
GRR RGHH ...!
This development outside of his expectations...
Could it be...
This feeling of abandonment...
He played the 8-sou ...!
...To lose his concentration...?
...Had caused Suzuki...

He had made a mistake he normally would not have made...!
He had relaxed ...!
He opened up a chance ...!
Truly a sign of relaxation in his game...!
I WON'T OVERLOOK THAT!

CHI!
AKAGI ...!
GGH ....!
I'LL TWIST IT TO MY ADVANTAGE!



AKAGI... MAKES HIS MOVE...!!

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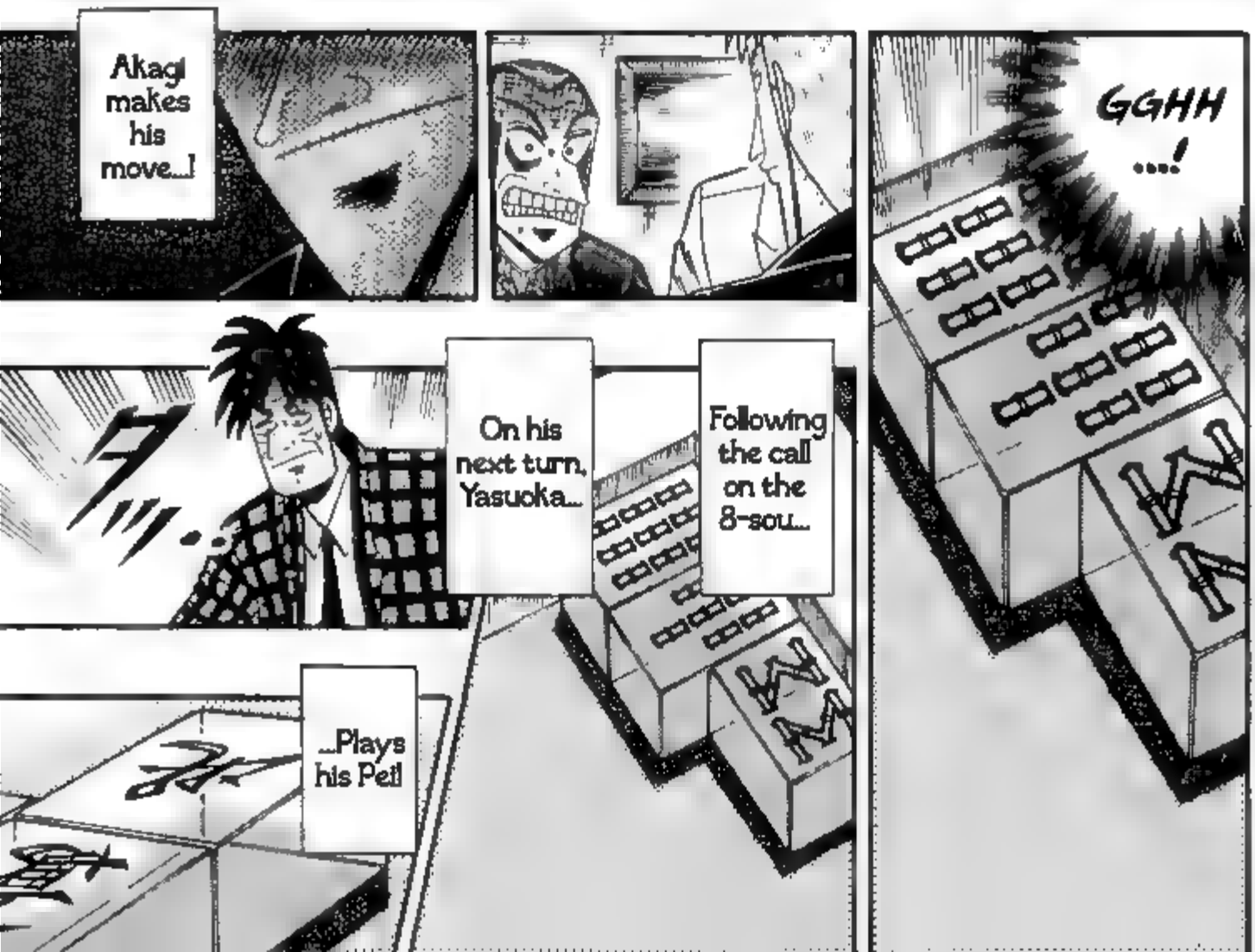
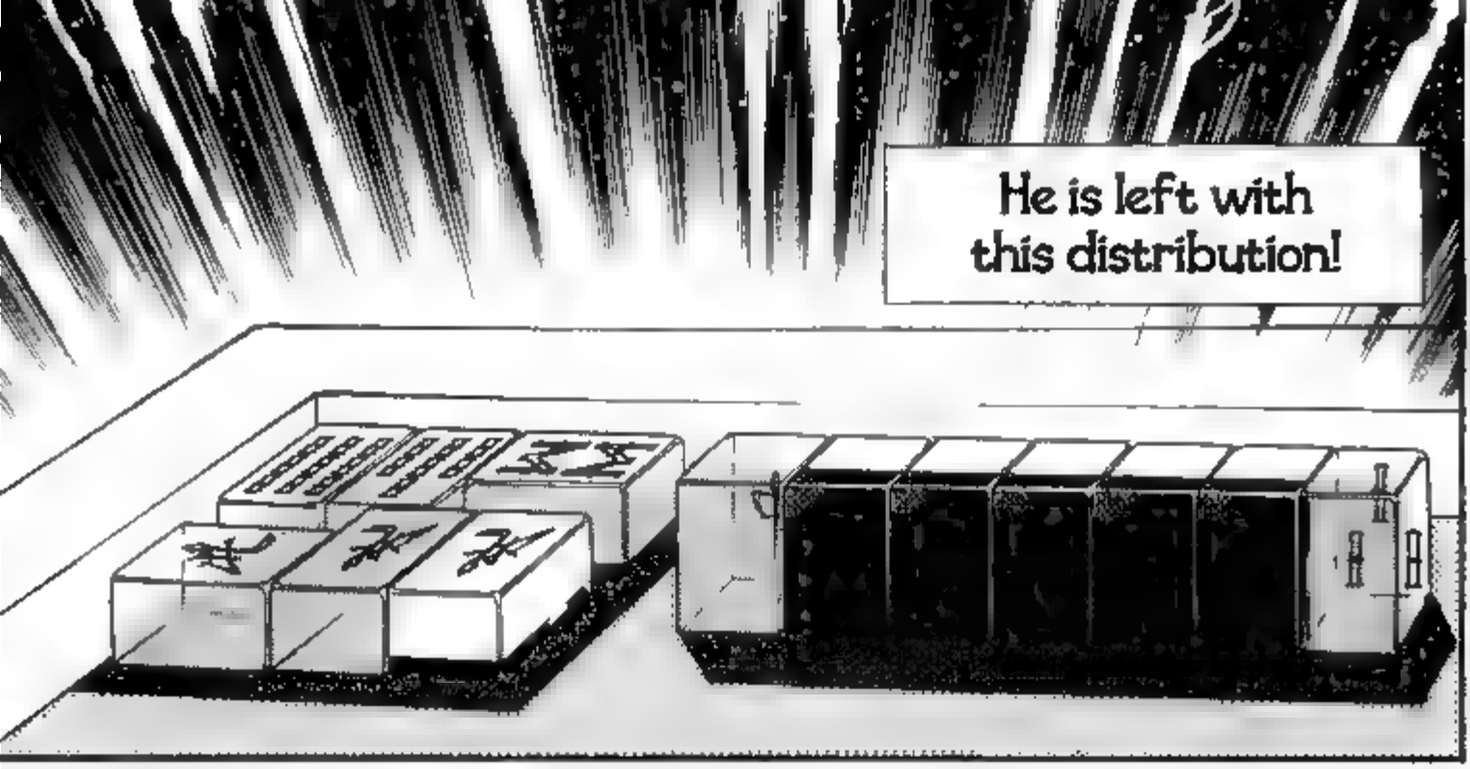
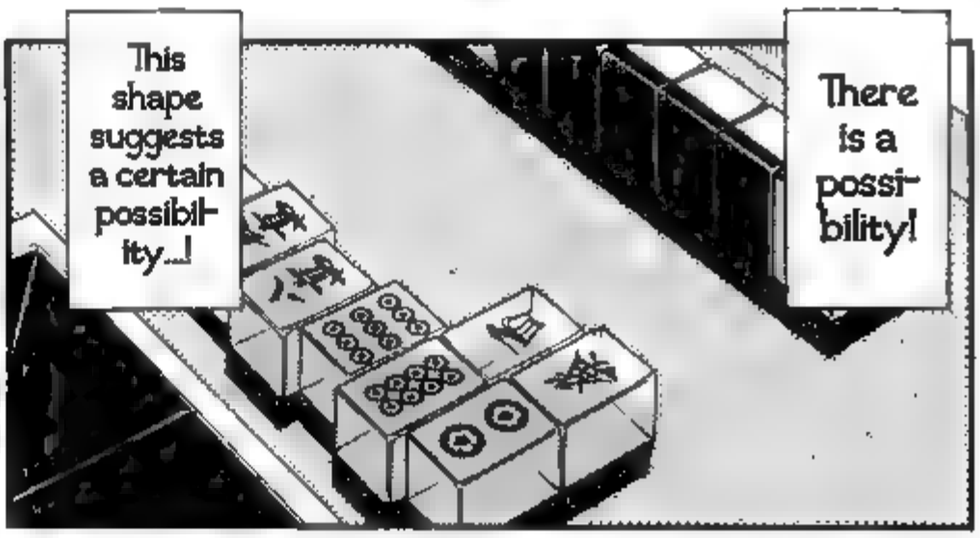

Akagi makes his move...!
GGHH ...!
On his next turn, Yasuoka...
Following the call on the 8-sou...
...Plays his Pei!

PON!
He calls this pei...
...And deals his Xia!
Light-ning fast ...!
.....
Every-thing changes in the blink of an eye...!


He is left with this distribution!

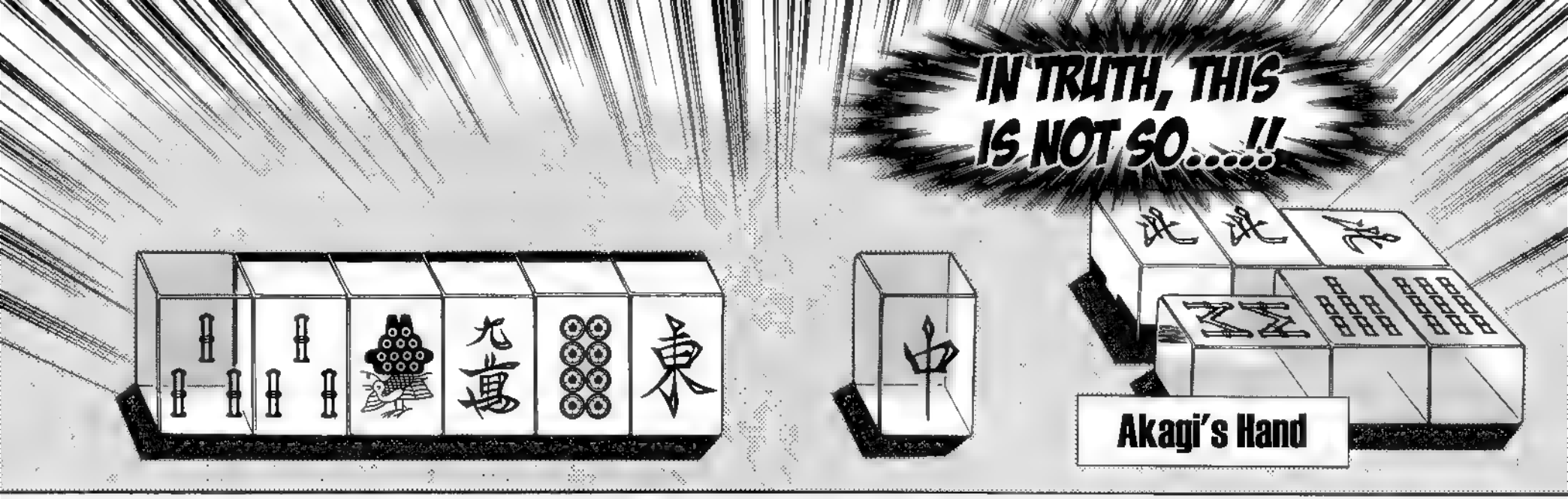
That of a Souzu Hon Itsu Tenpai...!

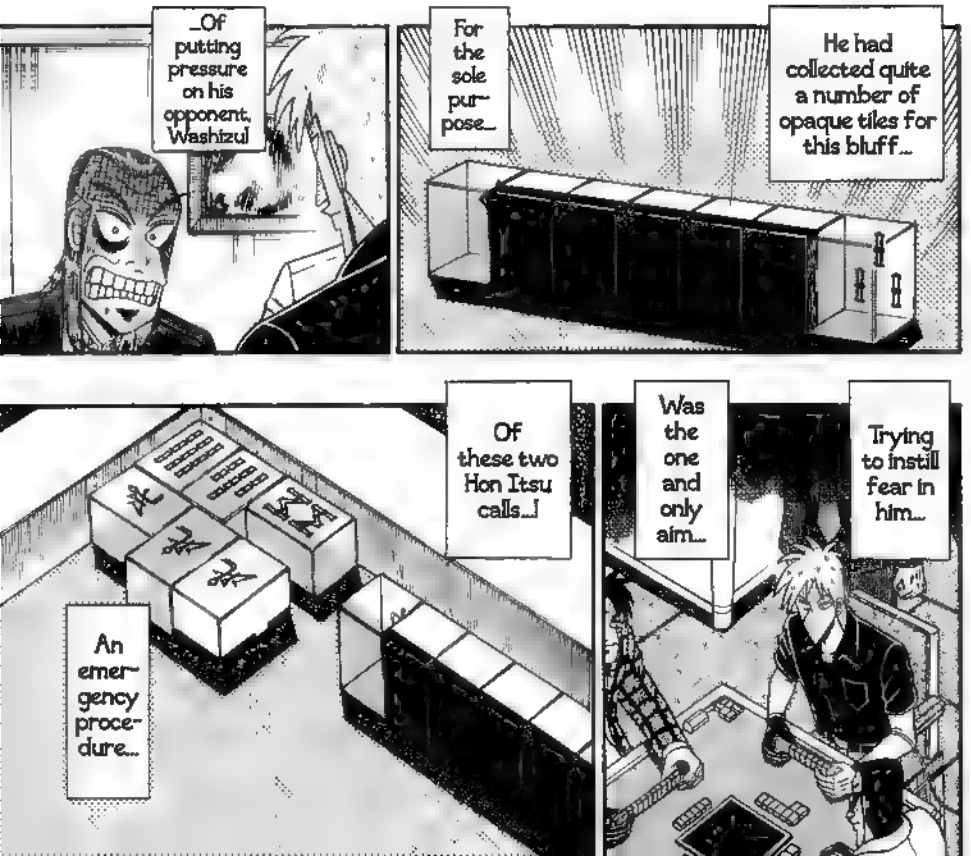

This shape suggests a certain possibility...!
There is a possibility!

It would suggest at least one away from Tenpai...!
Even at the worst...

KRR RRG GGG HHH ...!
.....

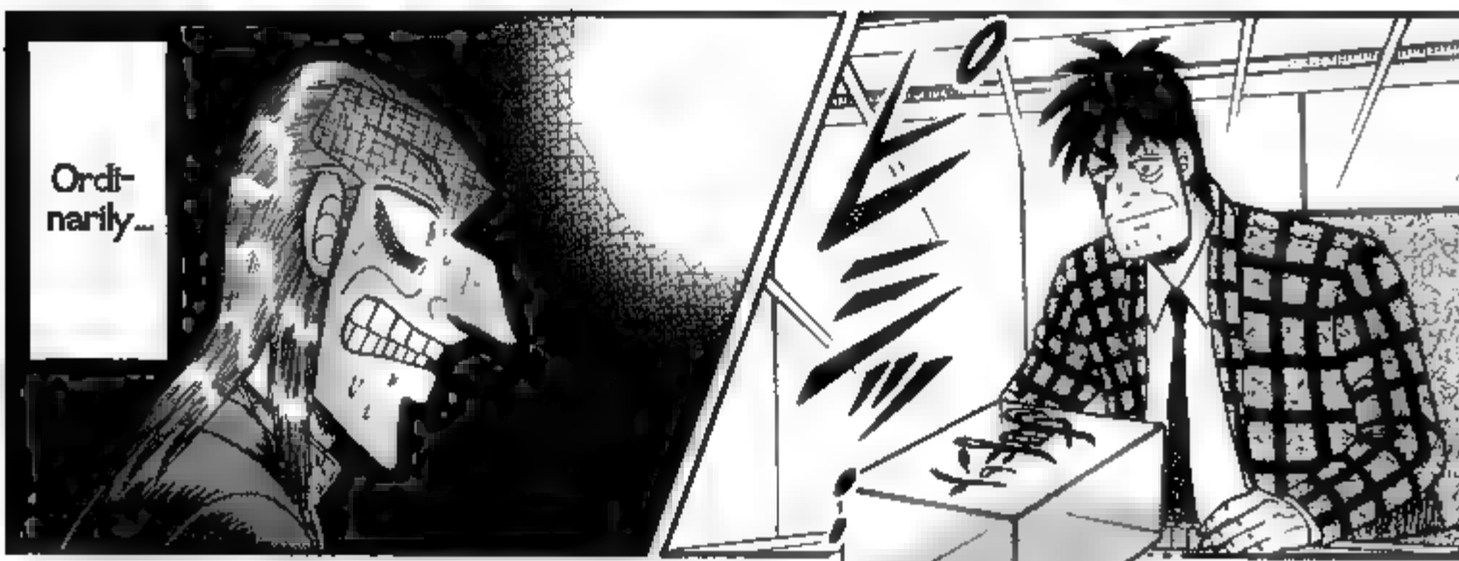
But...
.....


IN TRUTH, THIS IS NOT SO....!!
Akagi's Hand

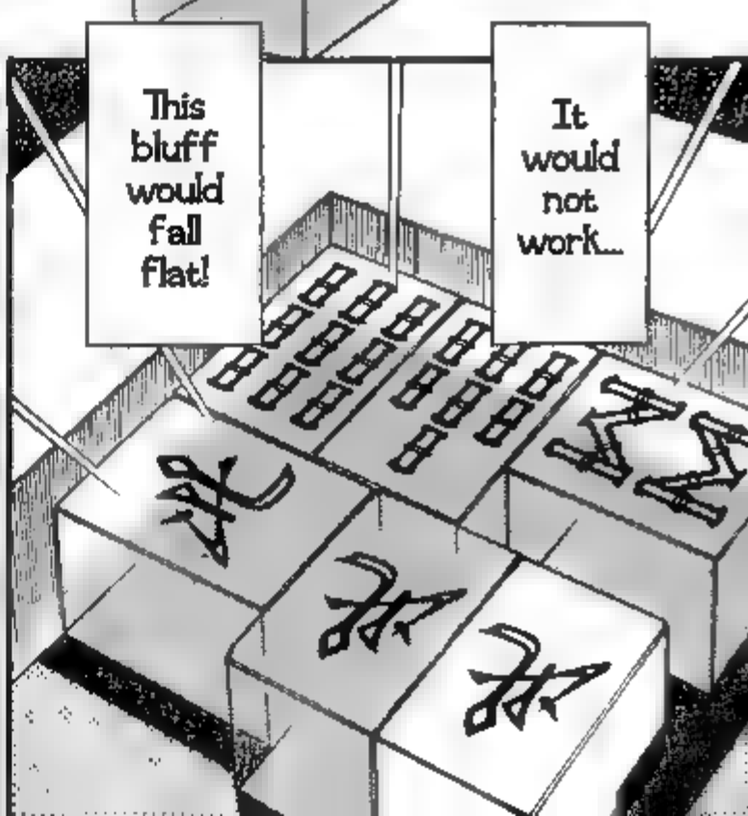

...Of putting pressure on his opponent. Washizu!
For the sole pur-pose...
He had collected quite a number of opaque tiles for this bluff...
An emer-gency proce-dure...
Of these two Hon Itsu calls...!
Was the one and only aim...
Trying to instill fear in him...

A hand with no course in mind...!
It has no defi-ned shape...
HIS HAND IS A MESS....!
Entirely bluff...!
A mis-match of various odds and ends...!
Like drifting logs col-lecting on the beach...

A last-minute backup plan...!


Ordinarily...

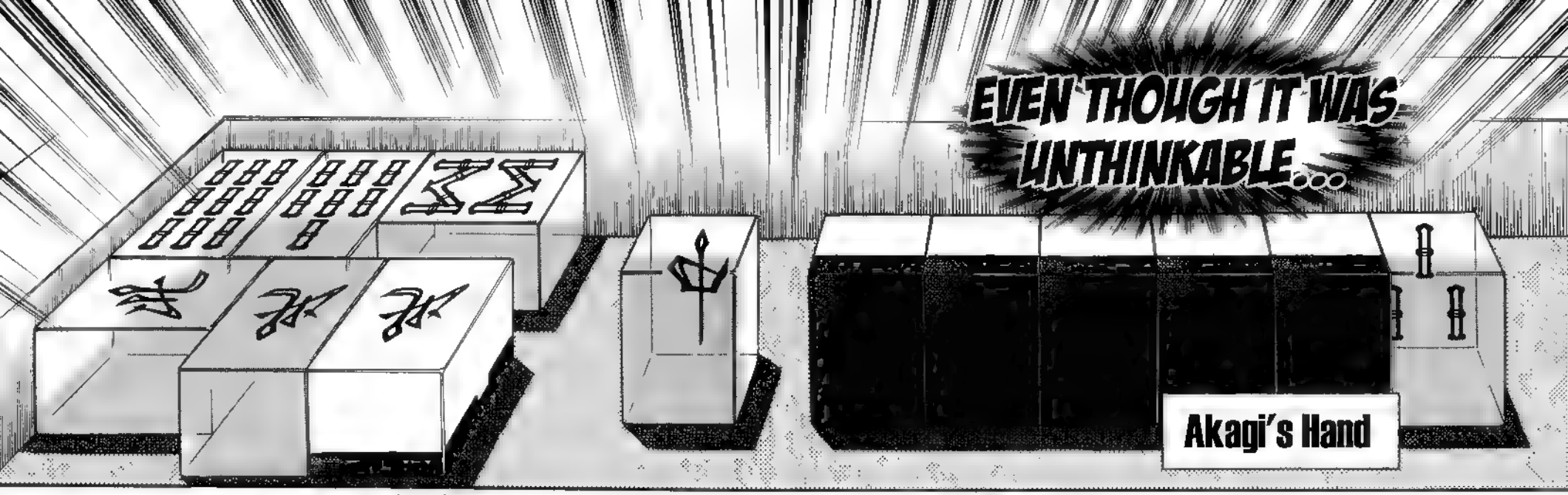
Who had played Washizu Mahjong numerous times...!
For this battle was against the game's creator...

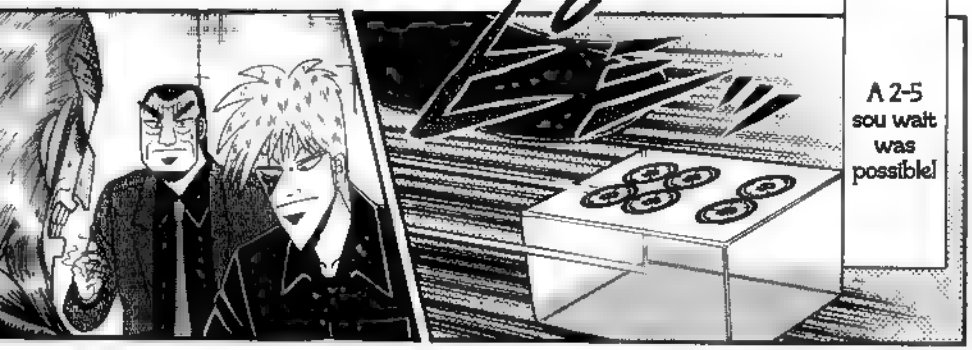

This bluff would fall flat!
It would not work...

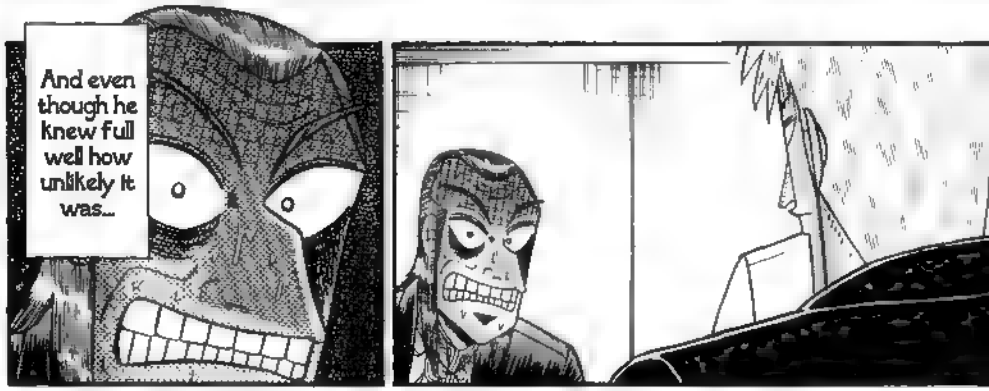
Because normally, this simply would not happen!
AKAGI'S EMER-GENCY BLUFF!
MORE THAN LIKELY, HE WOULD SEE THROUGH THIS!
Having sequences with only opaque tiles would be nigh impos-sible!
While piecing one's hand toget-her...
Only one of them is opaque.
Of the 4 tiles in each different kind...
.....
Would be difficult to imagine...!
And still be able to make tenpai...
So to have a row of opaque tiles worked into one's hand...

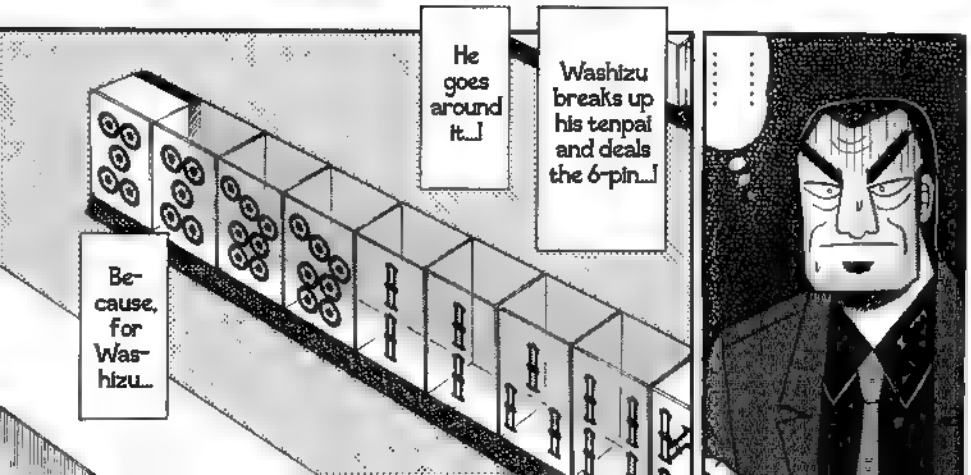
At least one tile that wasn't useful would be mixed in...!
Of another suit... Or an honor tile...
There would be a mix...!
Thinking that was only a matter of course...!
It was natural!

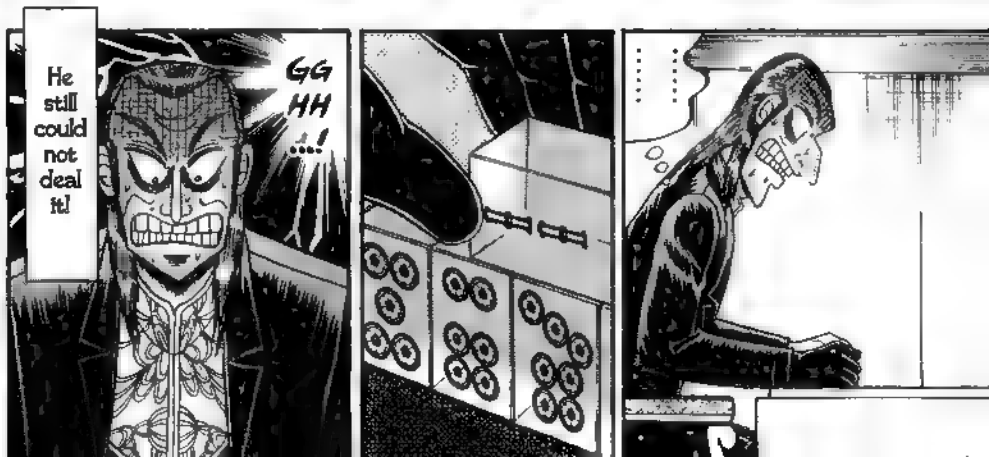
And al-
though
it WAS
natural
...
URG-
HHHH-
GHH...!
GGH
...!
チラ…


EVEN THOUGH IT WAS UNTHINKABLE...
Akagi's Hand

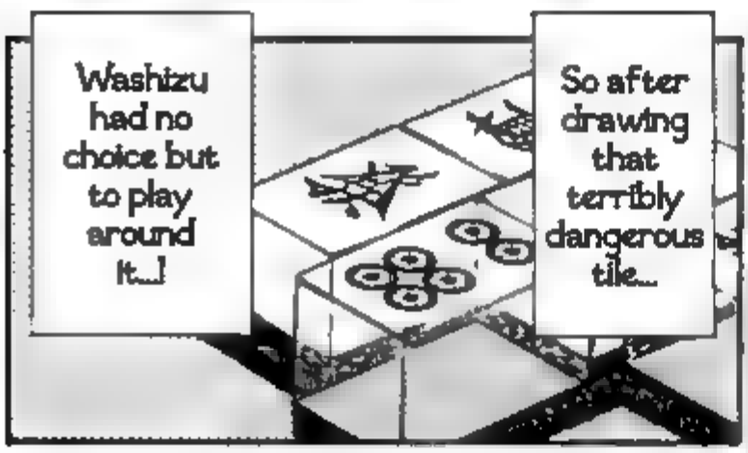

A 2-5 sou wait was possible!


And even though he knew full well how unlikely it was...


He goes around it...!
Washizu breaks up his tenpai and deals the 6-pin...!
Be-cause, for Was-hizu...


He still could not deal it!
GG HH ...!

Every-thing Akagi had done to now...!
The memories were still fresh in his mind...!


Washizu had no choice but to play around it...!
So after drawing that terribly dangerous tile...

All the horrors he had wit-nessed...!

For, in the end...

Having a horrid starting hand...
He did not have any other choice but to do this!
Against Akagi...
And draws like the heavens were mocking him...
So the only action to take...
Was difficult to imagine for Washizu, who had not realized he was being favored!
That kind of situation...
This illusion of Akagi's --
And within the dark reaches of Washizu's mind...
this Illusion!
Was to go around --
...Had swelled in importance!

HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ASSUME THE WORST!
Zzz...
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Ooo

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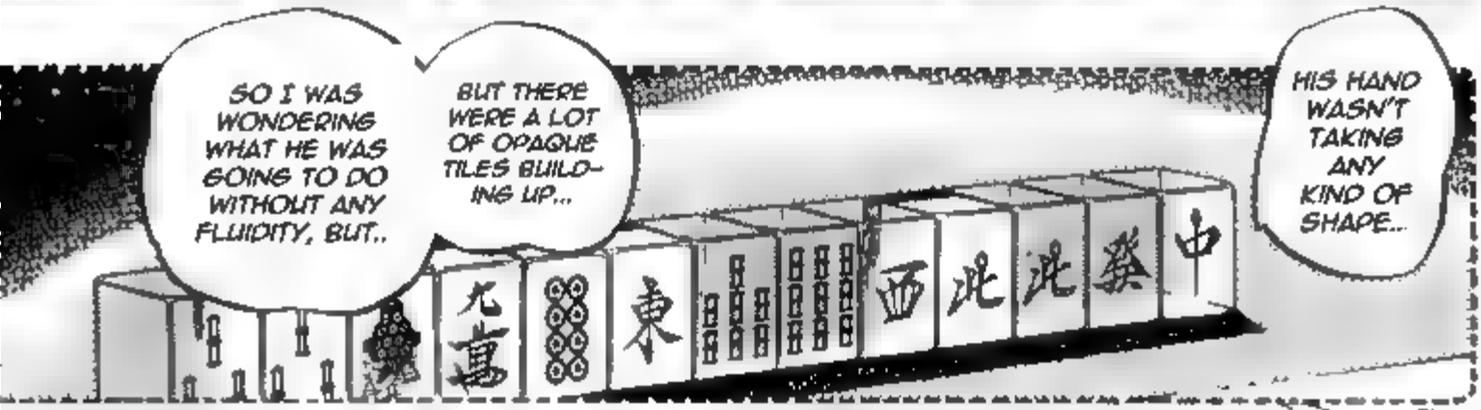
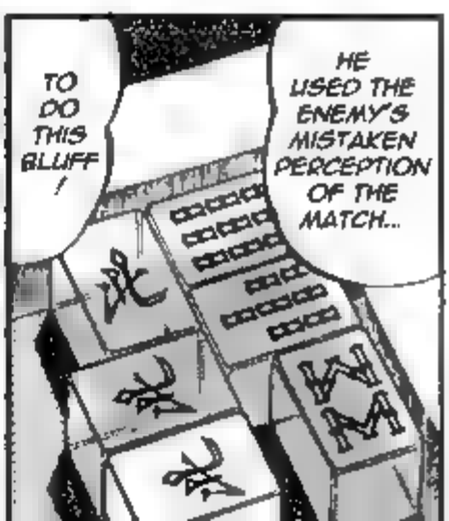
Ooo
...Had used for this strat-egy!
This was exactly what Akagi...
I SEE...


SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO WITHOUT ANY FLUIDITY, BUT..
BUT THERE WERE A LOT OF OPAQUE TILES BUILD-ING UP...
HIS HAND WASN'T TAKING ANY KIND OF SHAPE..

SO HE HAD TO DO SOME-THING LIKE THIS!
Oo
WASHIZU'S HAND WAS SWIFTLY ADVANCING...

HE USED THEM TO HIS ADV-ANT-AGE!
HE TURNE IT ARO-UND!

BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ..
BUT TO TAKE THIS TREMENDOUSLY DANGEROUS TIGHTROPE TO SAFETY!
HE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE..

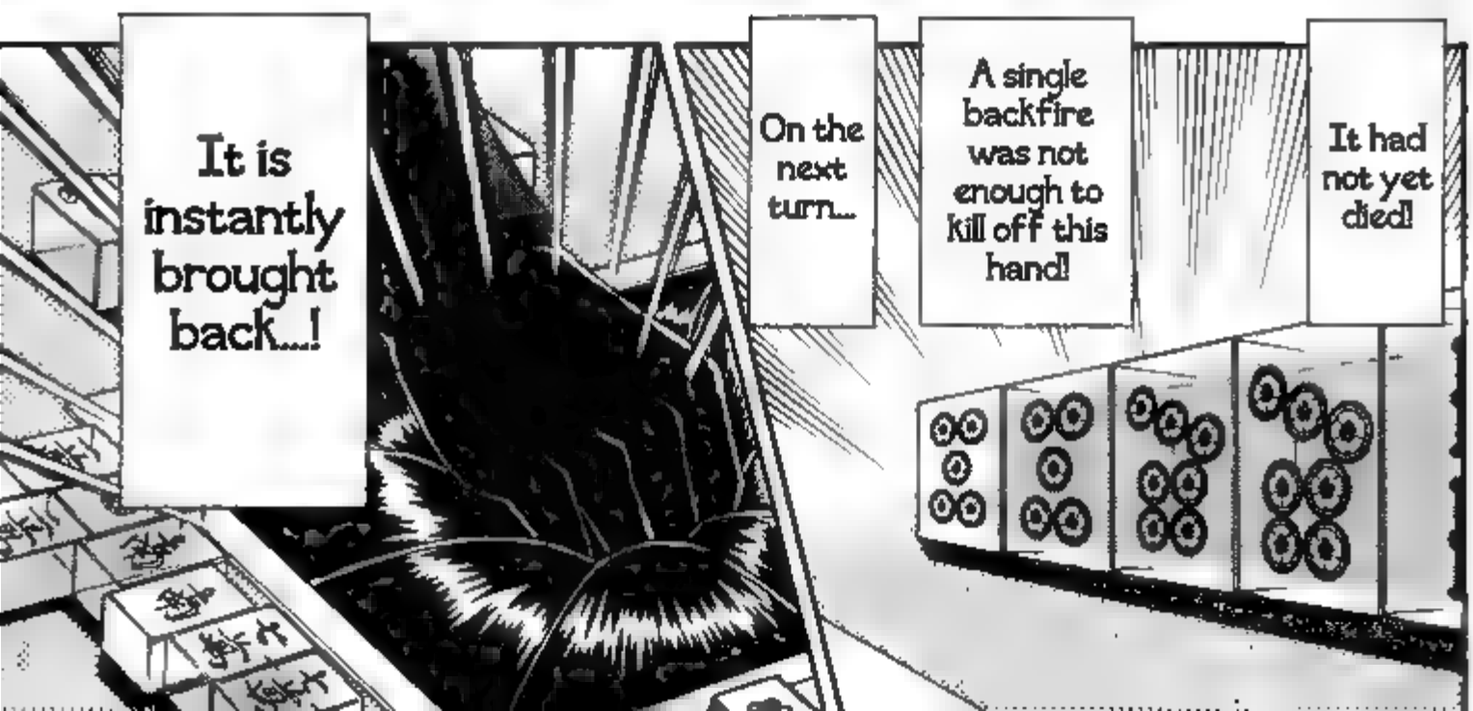

TO DO THIS BLUFF !
HE USED THE ENEMY'S MISTAKEN PERCEPTION OF THE MATCH...

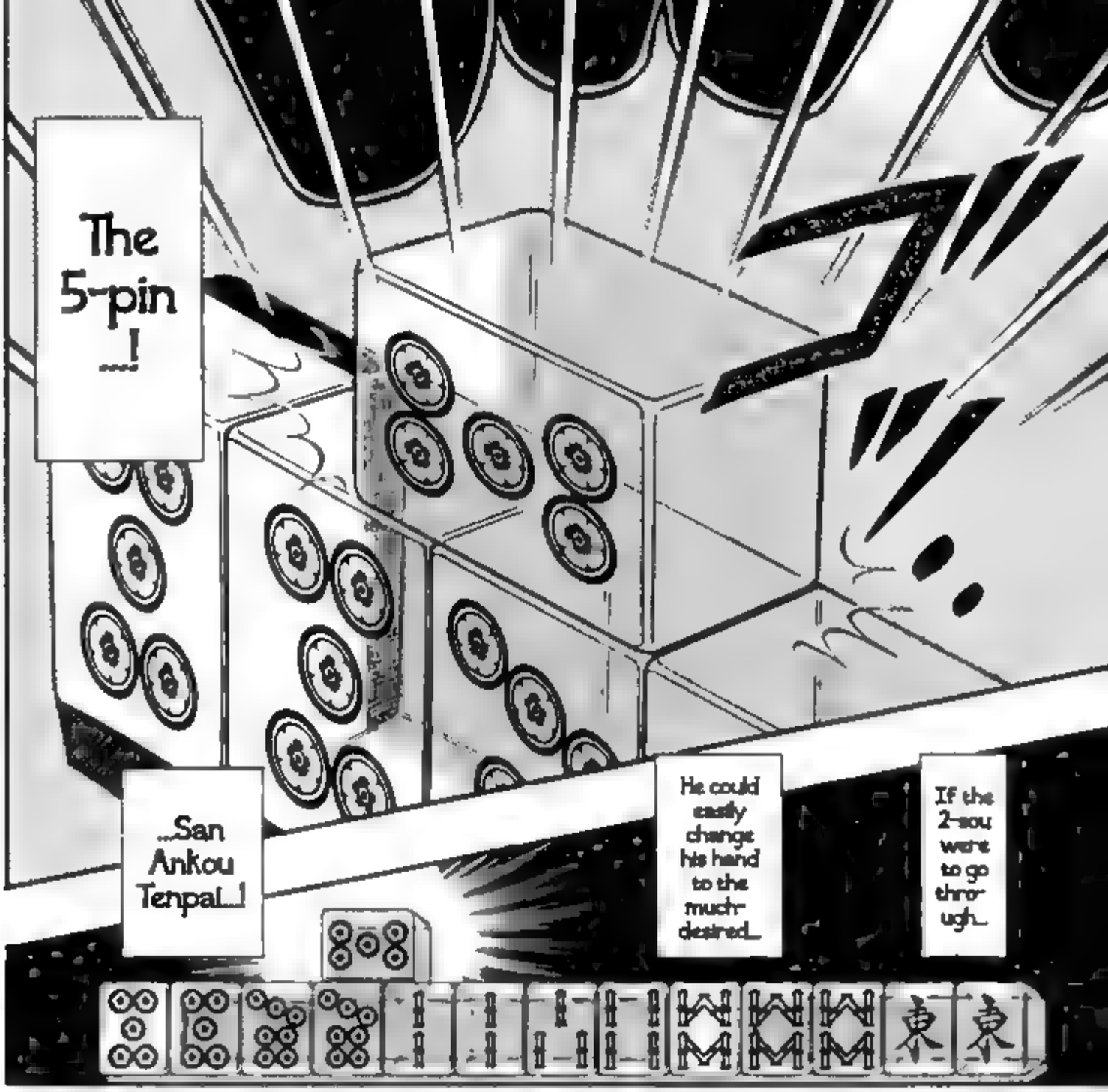
IT'S BAD...! AKAGI IS IN BAD SHAPE, RIGHT NOW!
The next turn
Yes...
Akagi had used that bluff...
To get Washizu to stray off-course...
And directly after...

The 6-pin ...!
GGH ...!!
He had it...!
Of all the things ...
He drew the tile that could have completed his hand...!

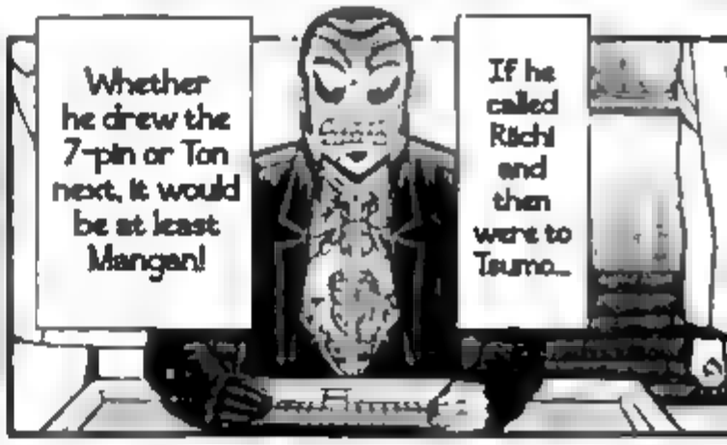
GR
RRR
GGG
HHH
...!!
GRGH
...!!
KLONG!!!
.....
THAT 6-PIN JUST NOW...
WAS HIS WINNING TILE.../
THAT WAS CLOSE
HIS DRAWS BACK-FIRED ON HIM..
SOME-HOW OR AN-OTHER..
How-ever...

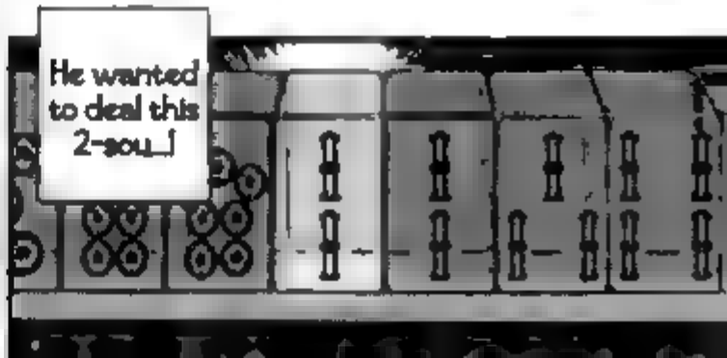
HE WAS ON FIRE!
WASHIZU HAD NOW SEIZED THE FLOW!

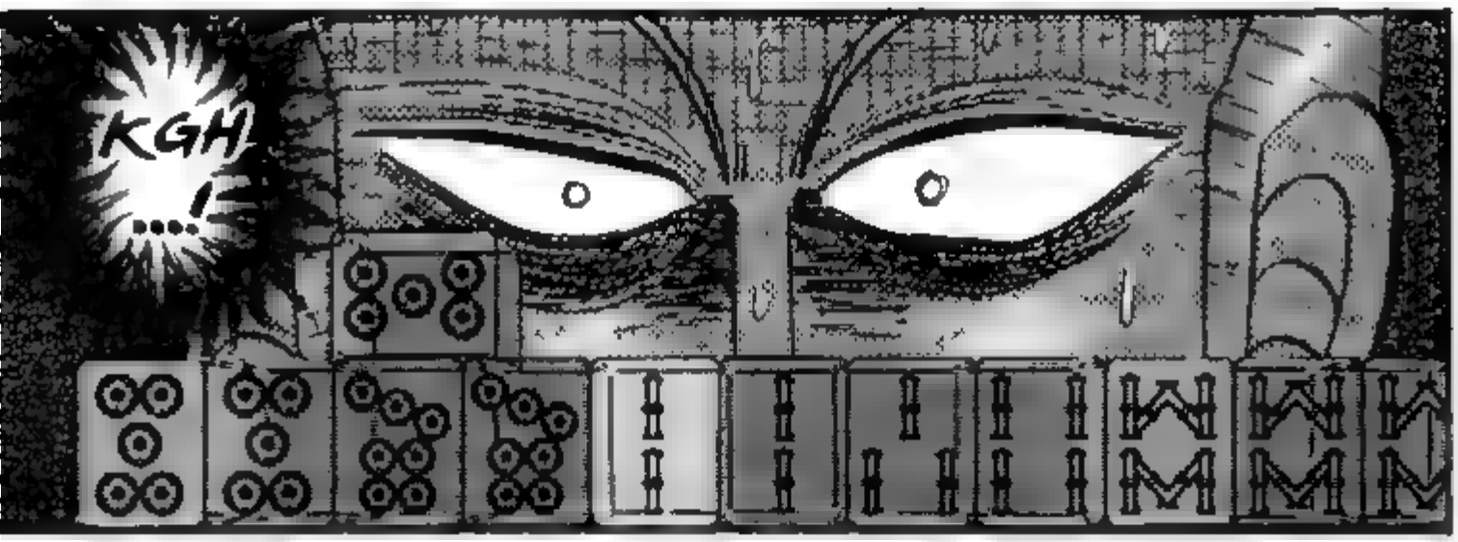

It is instantly brought back...!
On the next turn...
A single backfire was not enough to kill off this hand!
It had not yet died!

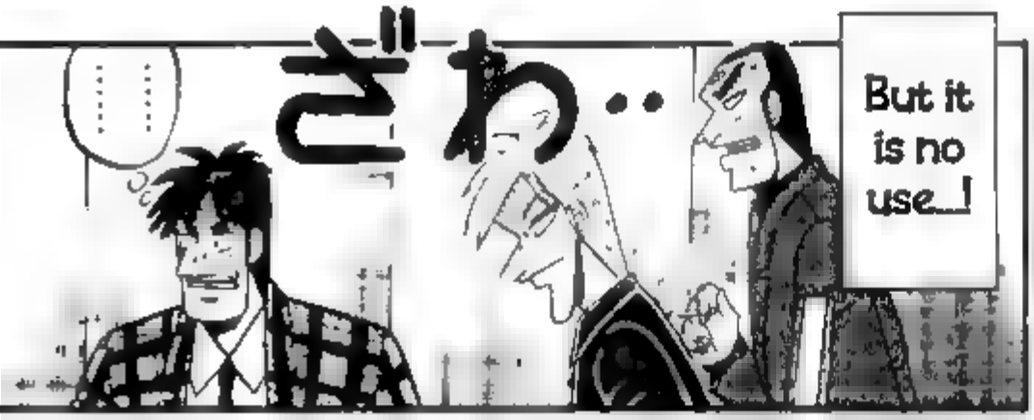

The 5-pin ...!
...San Ankou Tenpai...!
He could easily change his hand to the much desired...
If the 2-sou were to go throu-ugh...

KK
RR
RG
GH
HH
HH
HH
...!


Whether he drew the 7-pin or Ton next, it would be at least Mangan!
If he called Riichi and then went to Tsumo...


He wanted to deal this 2-sou...!


KGH
....!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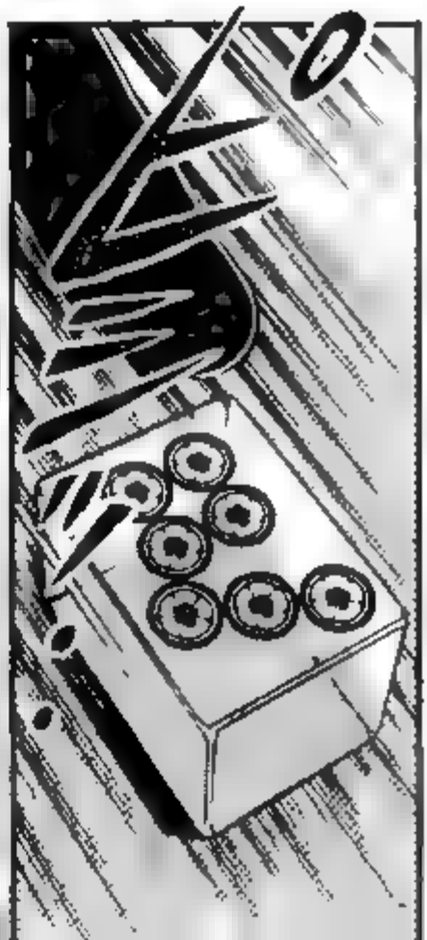
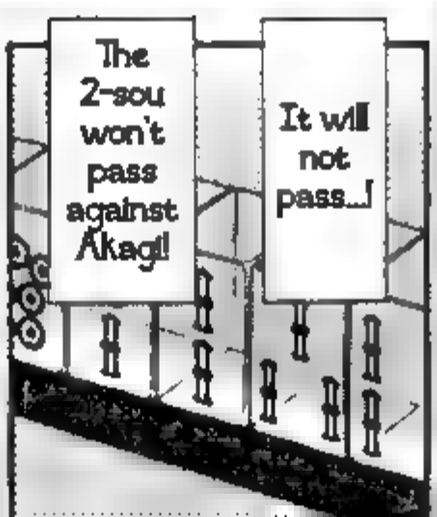
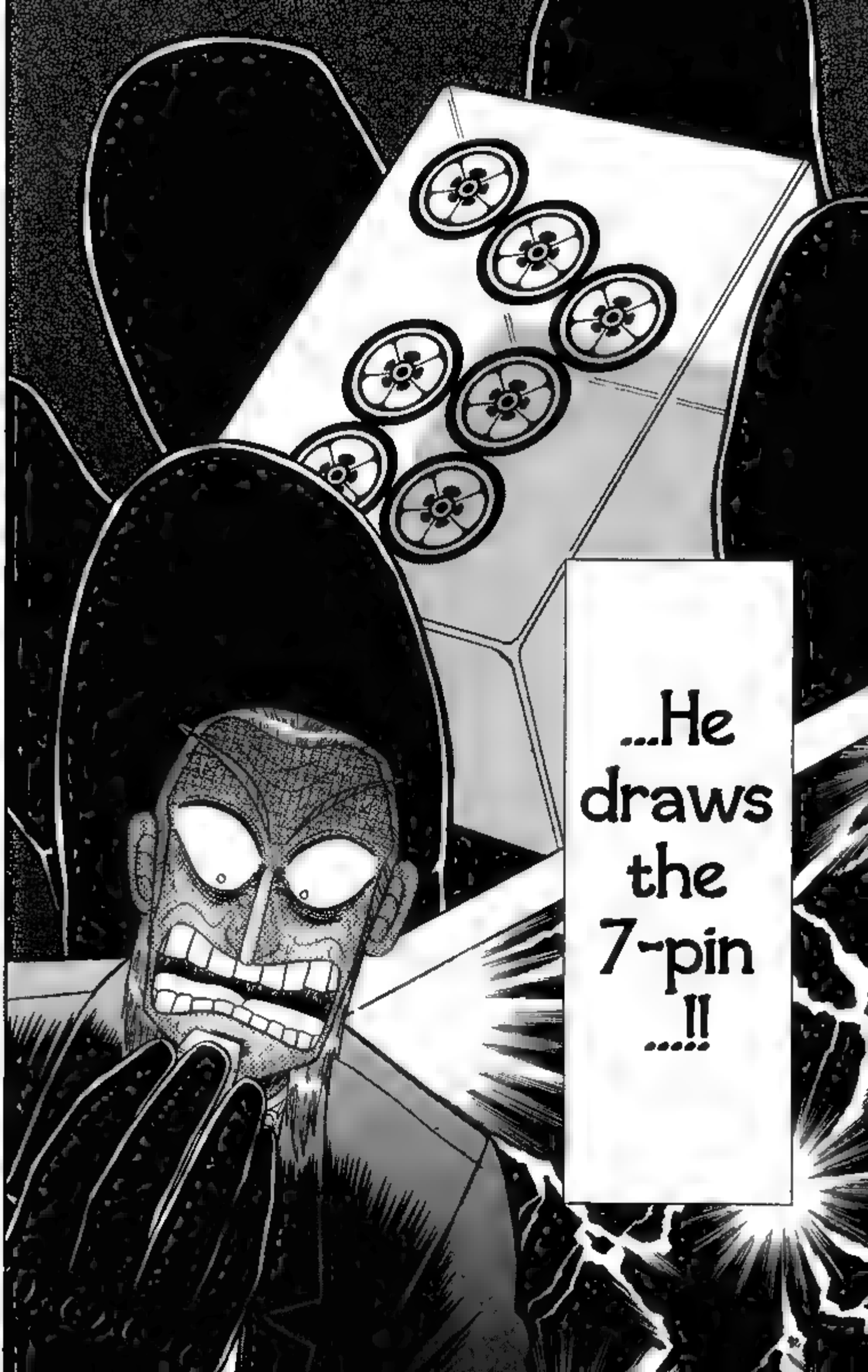
But it is no use...!

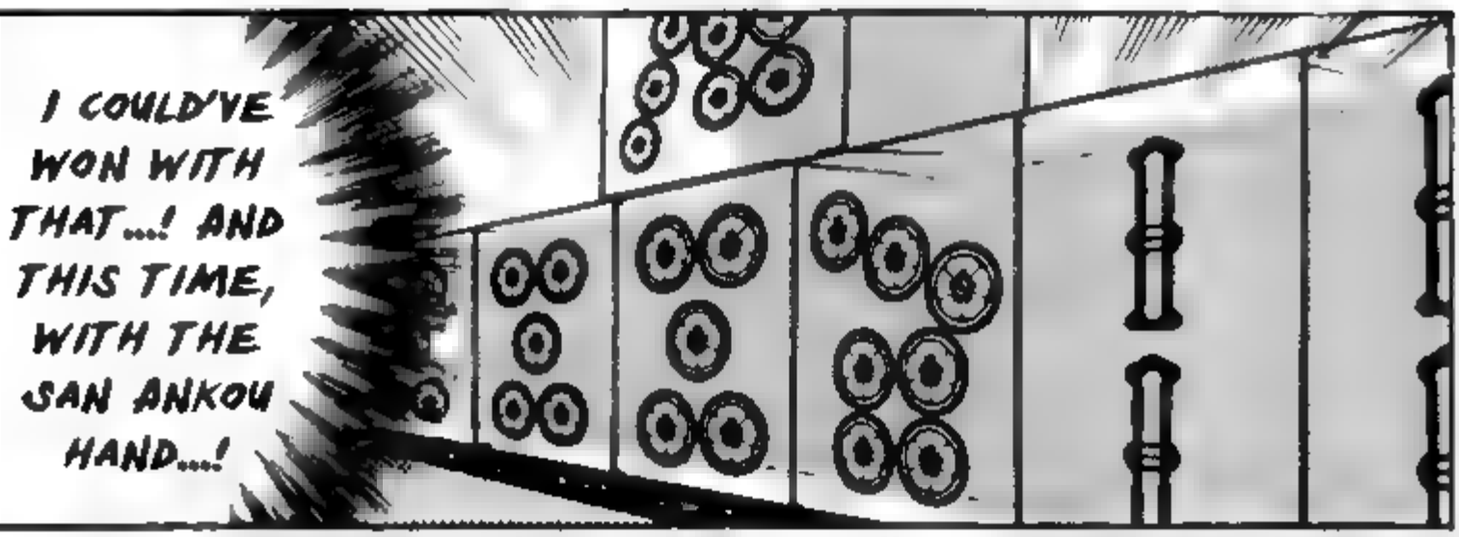


And on the next turn...
The risk of the Ton and 7-pin wait was too high!
He dealt the 7-pin!

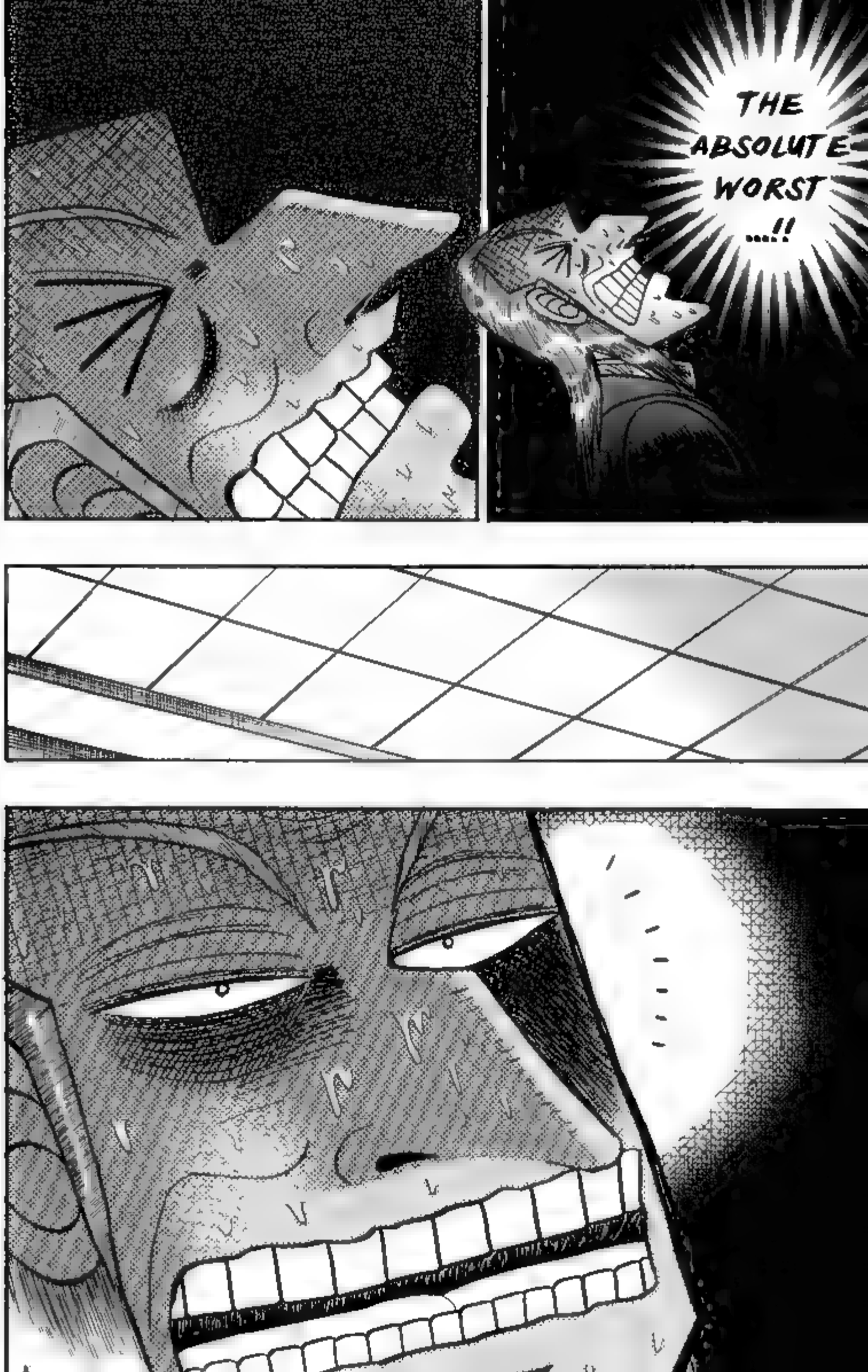

The 2-sou won't pass against Akagi!
It will not pass...!

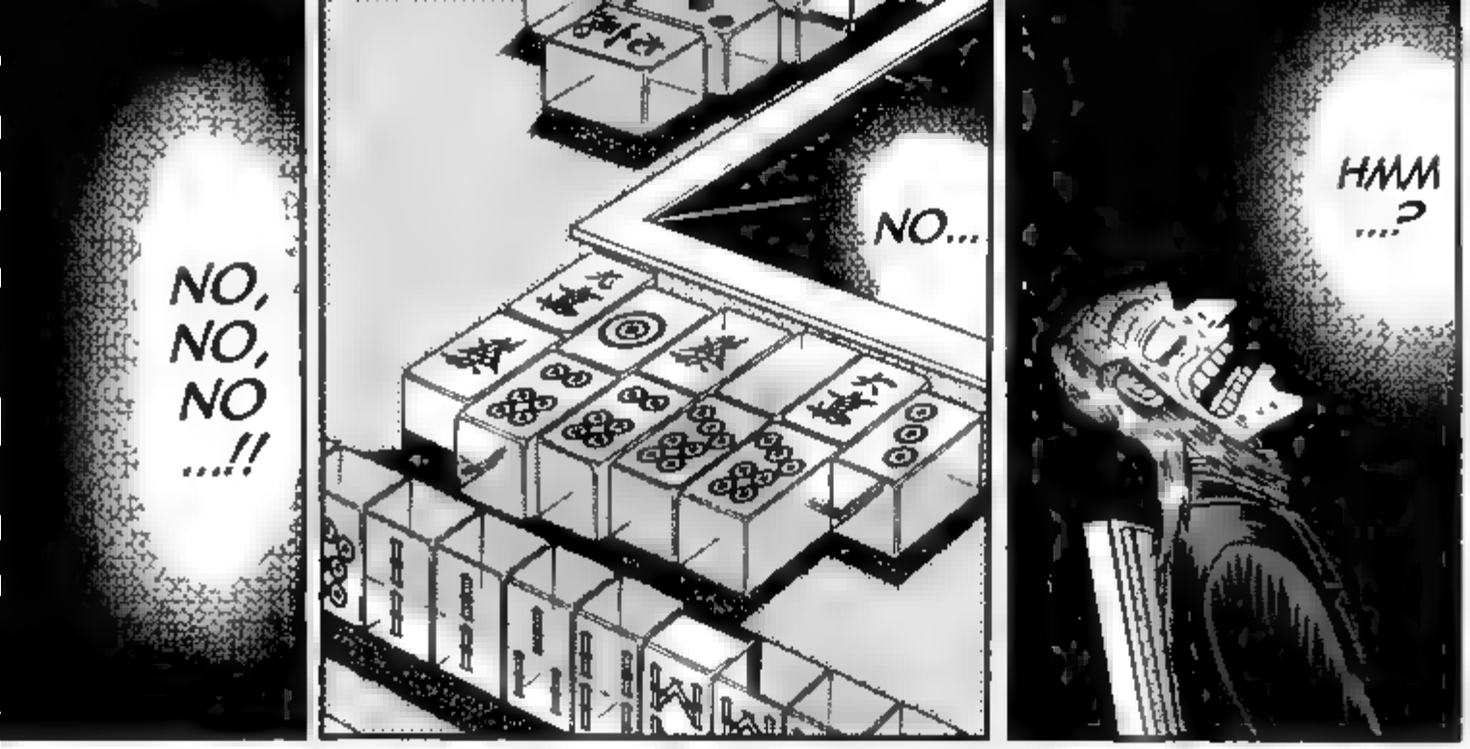

...He draws the 7-pin ...!!

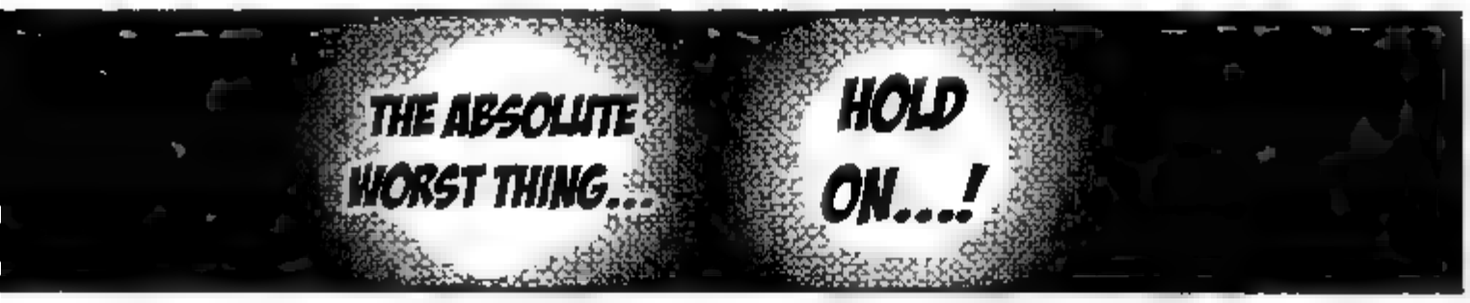
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
GHAH...!!
GRAUGH...!!
RAUGH...!!!
GH AH ...!!


I COULD'VE WON WITH THAT...! AND THIS TIME, WITH THE SAN ANKOU HAND...!

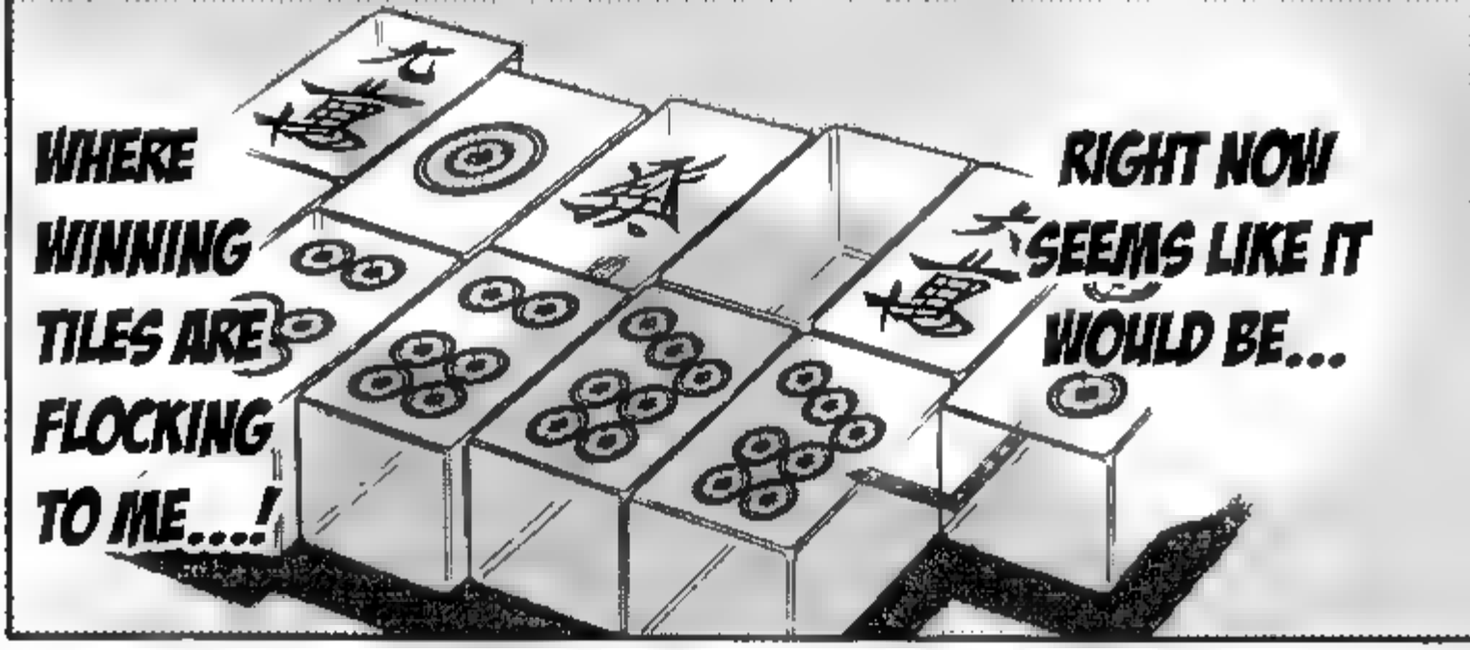
NOT JUST ONCE, BUT TWICE ...!!
I LET IT ESCAPE ...!

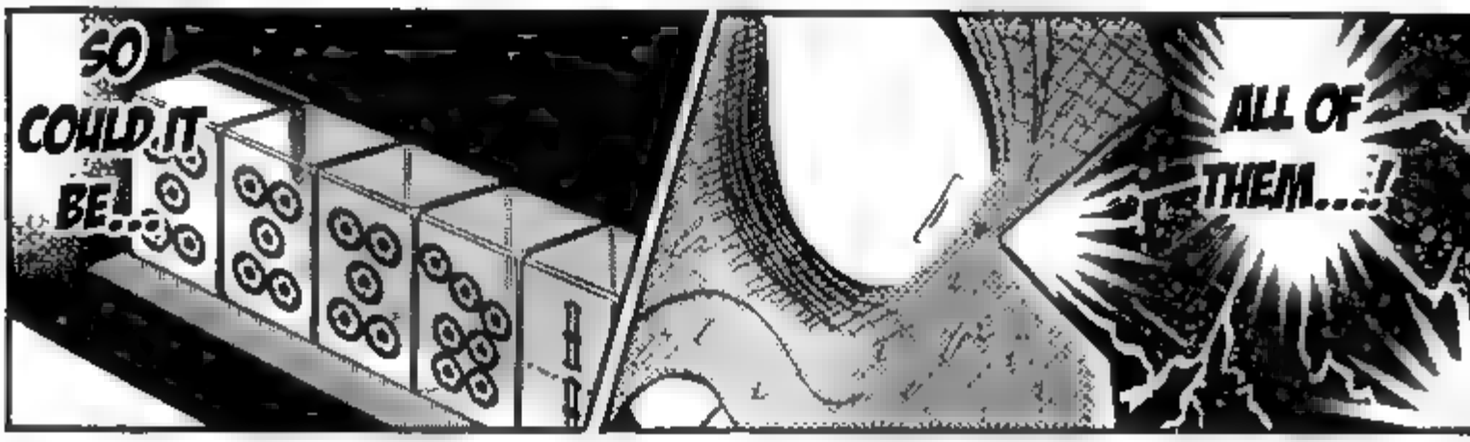

THE ABSOLUTE WORST ....!!

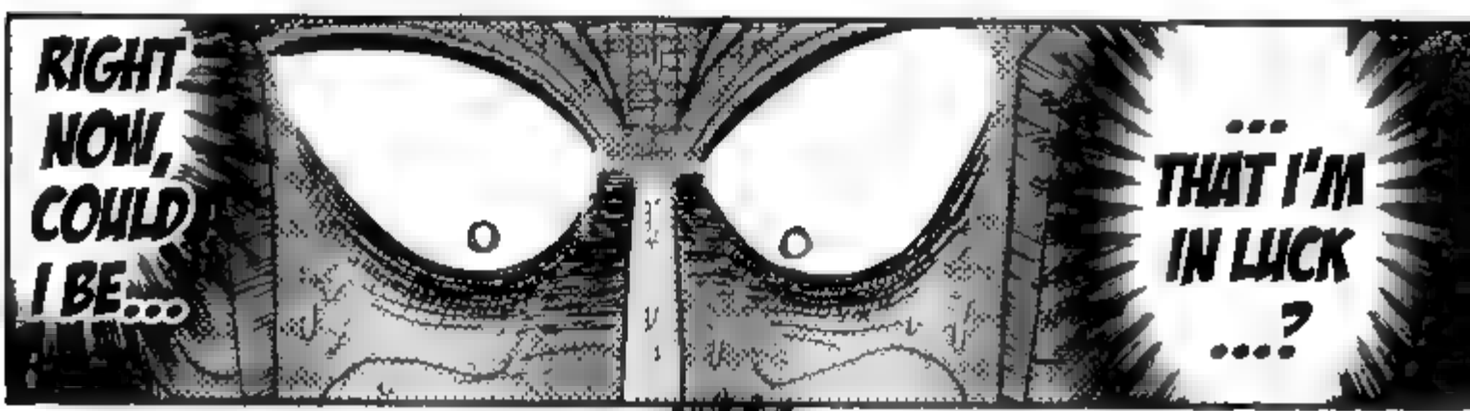

NO, NO, NO ...!!
NO...
HMM ...?


THE ABSOLUTE WORST THING...
HOLD ON...!

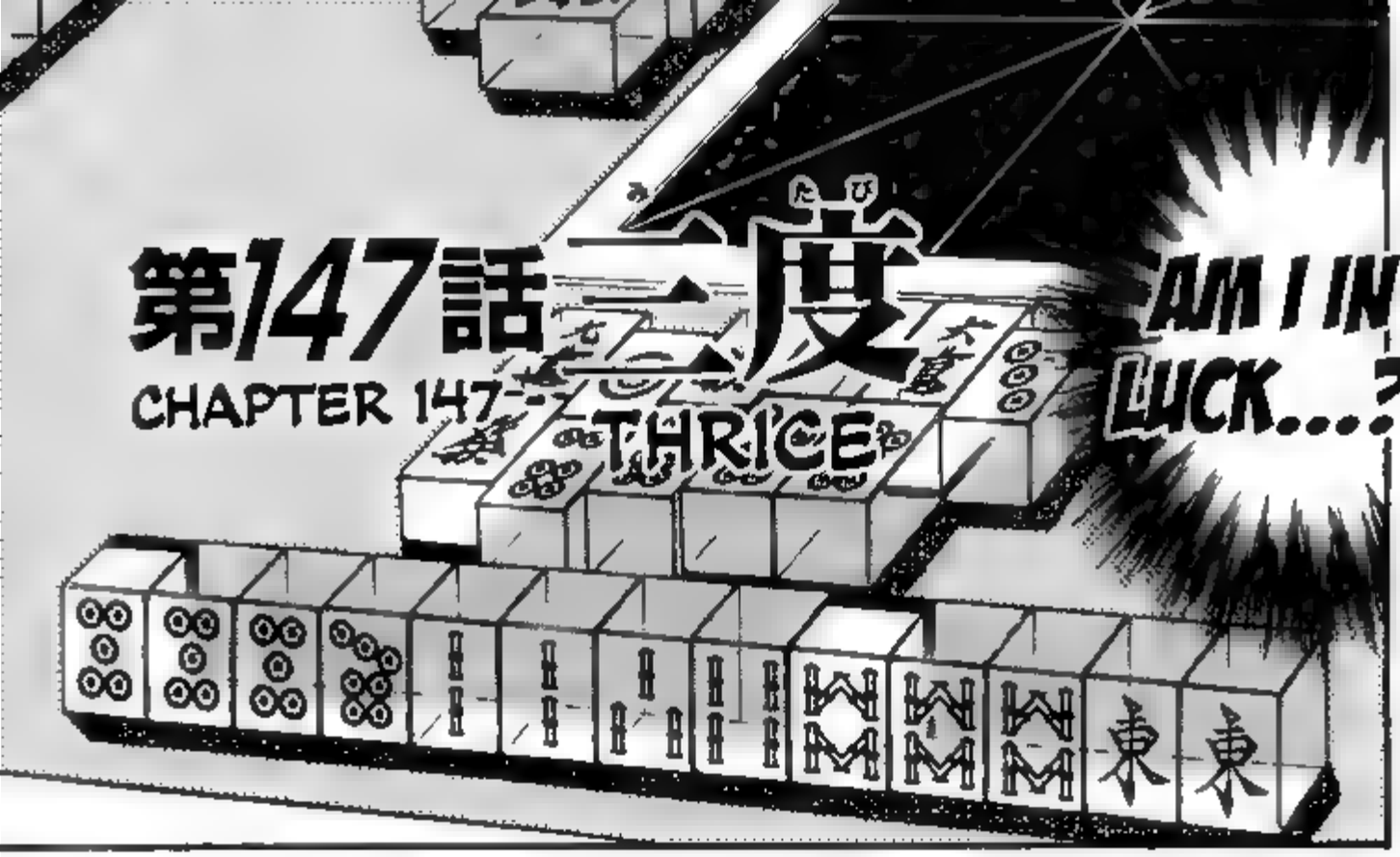
THEY'VE BEEN COMING ...!
AFTER ALL...
ISN'T EXACTLY THIS, IS IT...?!


WHERE WINNING TILES ARE FLOCKING TO ME...!
RIGHT NOW SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE...


SO COULD IT BE...
ALL OF THEM...!


RIGHT NOW, COULD I BE...
...THAT I'M IN LUCK...?

...IN LUCK...?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AM I IN LUCK...?!

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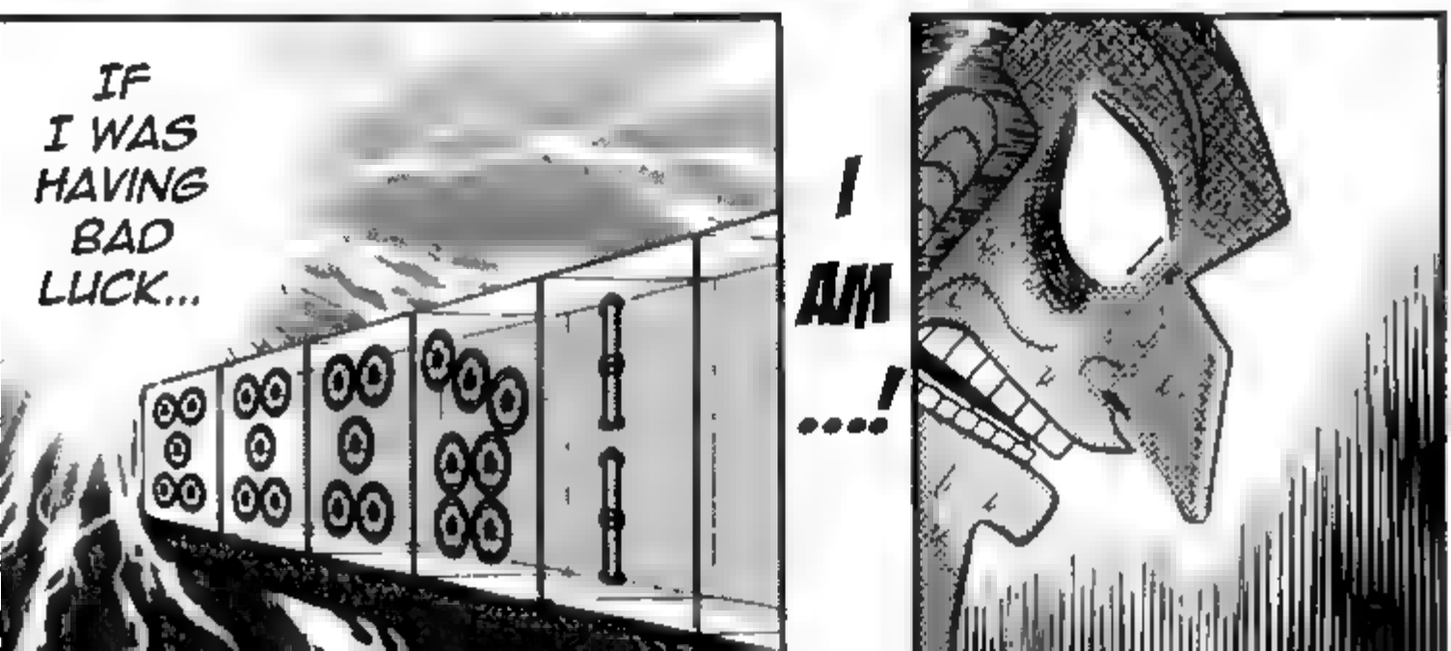
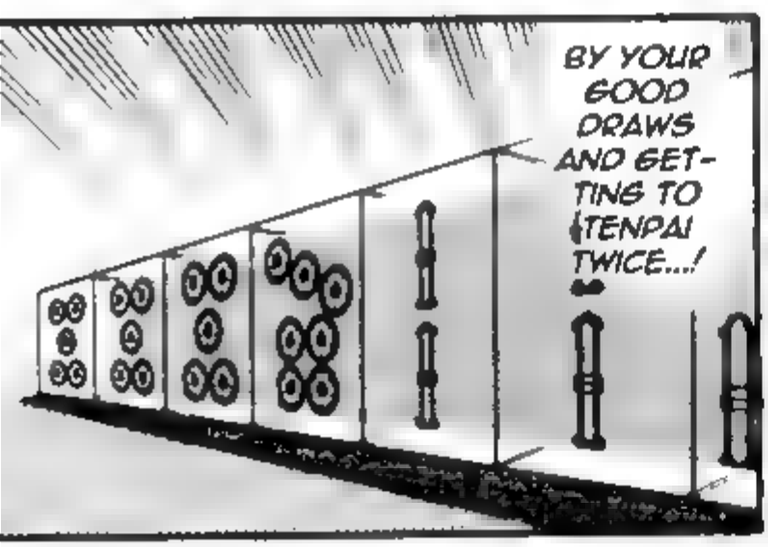

IF I WAS HAVING BAD LUCK...
I AM ...!

MY WINNING TILES CAME TWICE IN A ROW...!
WOULD THEY REALLY BE COMING SO EASILY ...?
AND THEN THE 7-PIN...!
THE 6-PIN...
NO!!
NO, NO...!
NO ...
THINKING ABOUT IT, THE PROBLEM CAME IN BEFORE THAT!
THAT'S WRONG! WRONG!

THAT 2-SOU ...
DON'T FORGET ABOUT THAT!
I WOULD HAVE NEEDED TO PLAY THE 2-SOU...!
IN ORDER TO GET INTO TENPAI FOR THOSE HANDS...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
...IS HIS FAVORITE KIND OF TRAP!
THAT'S THE PATTERN HE'S TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, TIME AND TIME AGAIN!
IF I DEAL IT, I'LL BE IN TENPAI!

OF COURSE, GETTING TO TENPAI IS WHAT I WANT TO DO, BUT...
THE TILE I HAVE TO DEAL TO GET THERE..
COULD MOST CERTAINLY BE HIS WINNING TILE!
IF I'M RECK-LESS...
AND DON'T STOP MYSELF SIMPLY BECAUSE MY HAND IS GOOD ...
I COULD DEAL IN...!
THE MOMENT I PLAY IT...
THAT'S A TYPICAL SIGN OF THE FLOW ESCAPING ME...!
THE RESULT OF BAD LUCK, NOT GOOD!

AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!


BY YOUR GOOD DRAWS AND GET-TING TO TENPAI TWICE...!

DON'T BE SO AMAZED.
THERE'S NO NEED TO PUZZLE OVER IT!

NO MATTER HOW MANY WINNING TILES COME YOUR WAY
IF THE 2-SOU WON'T PASS..

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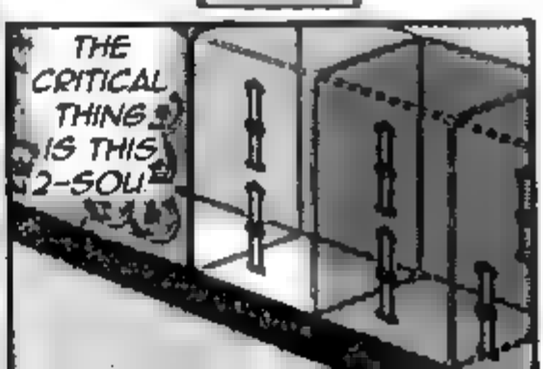
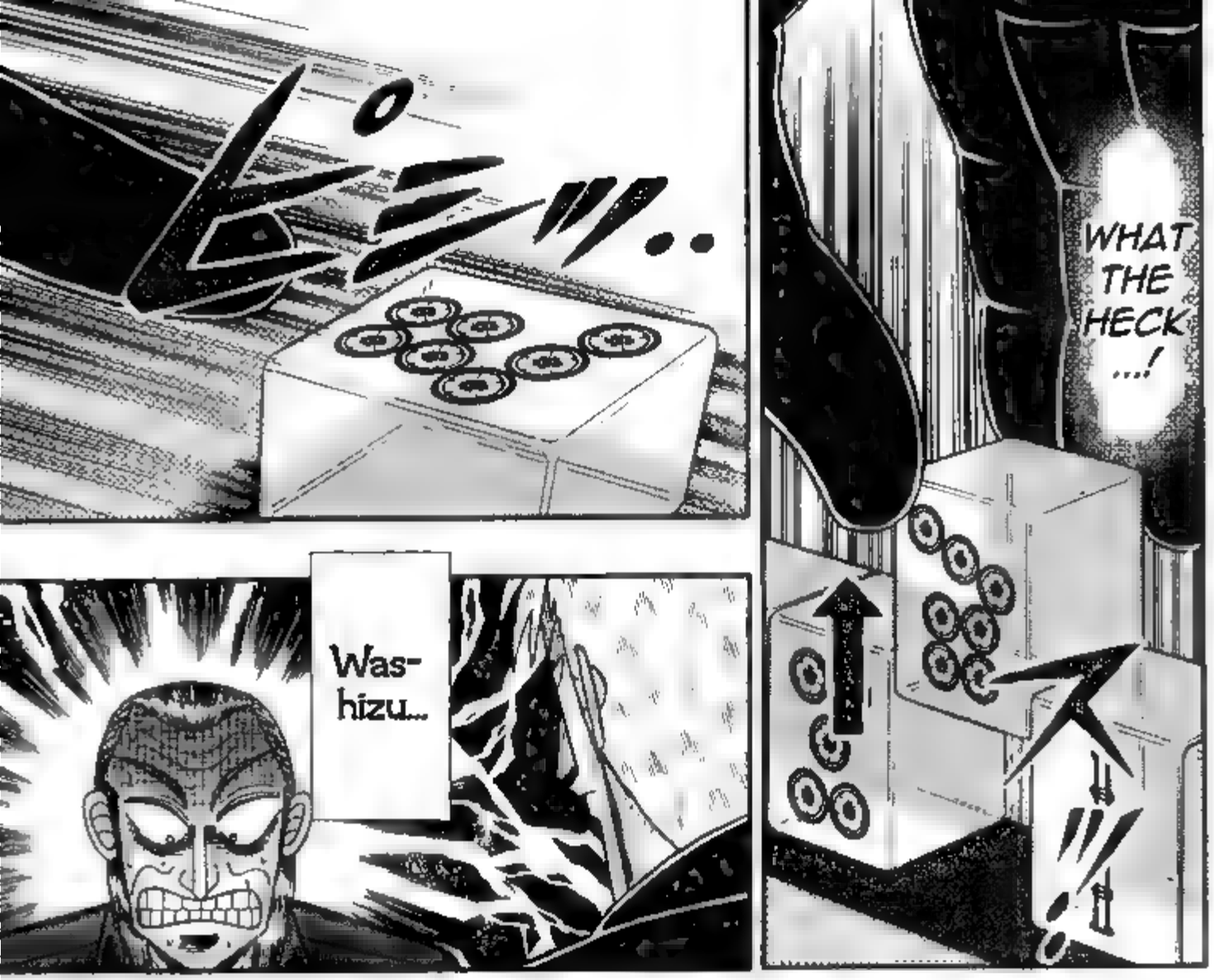
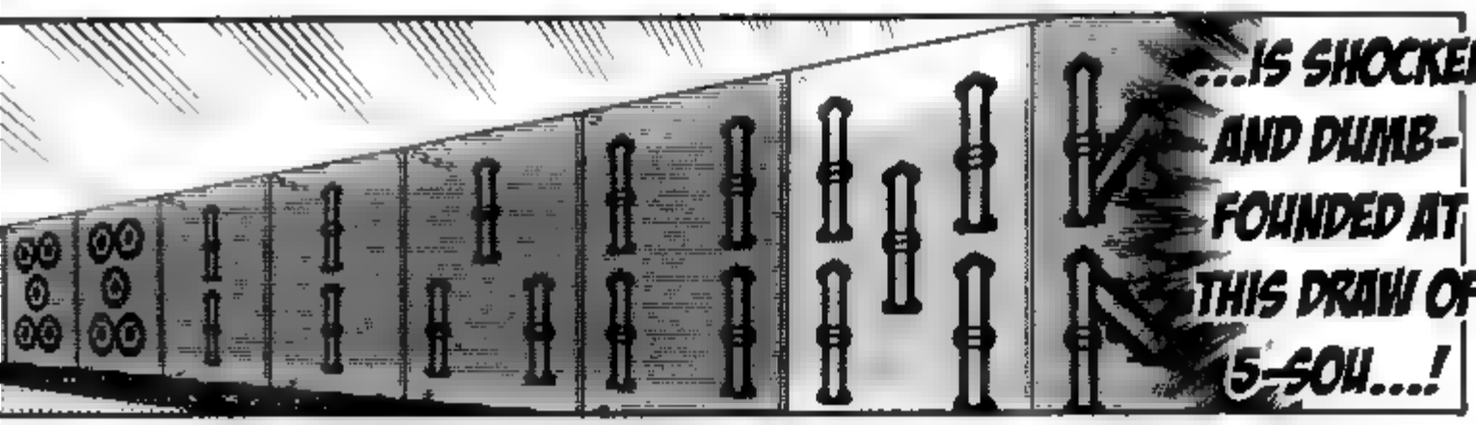
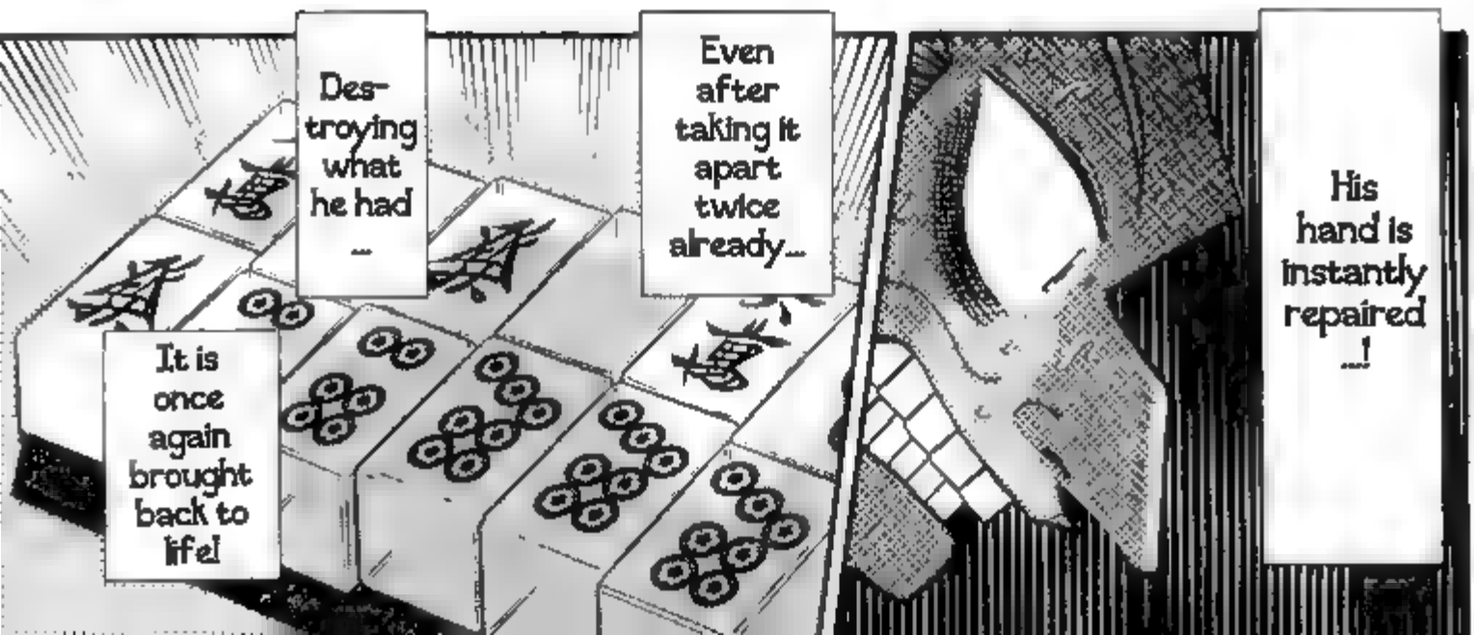
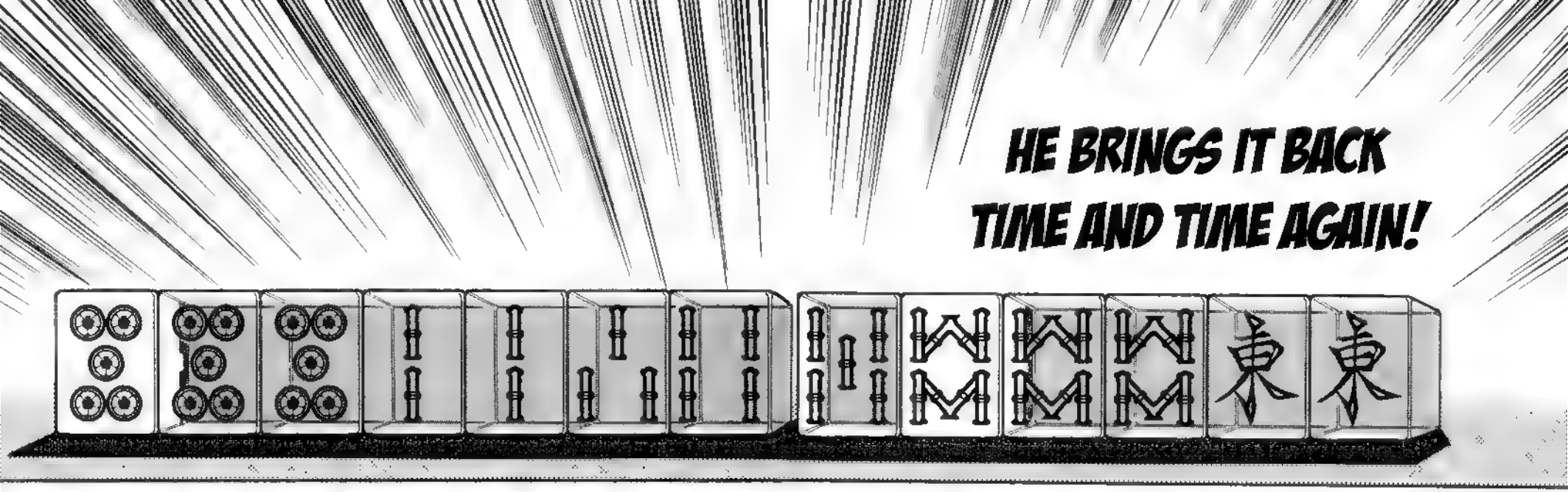

THE CRITICAL THING IS THIS 2-SOU.

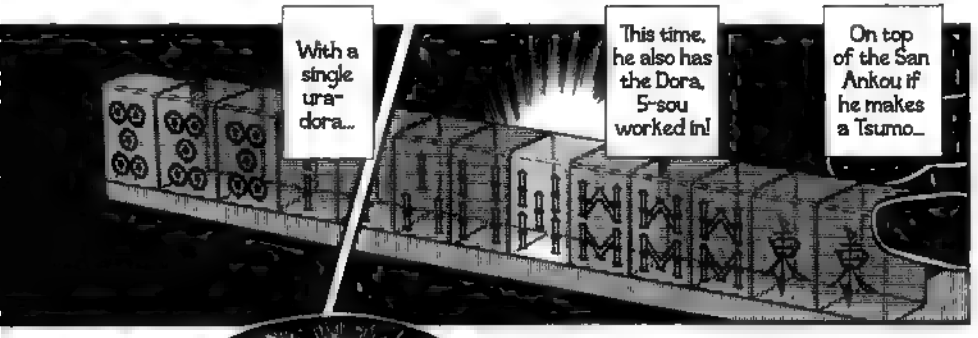
WHA
!...
THE DORA, 5-SOU... THEN...!
THE 5-SOU ...!
HAHH ...!


WHAT THE HECK ...!
Was-hizu...

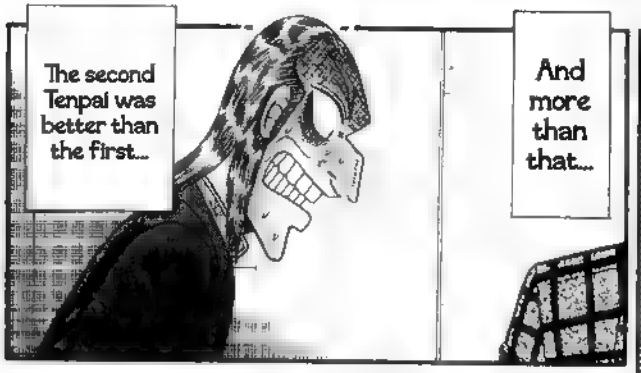

...IS SHOCKED AND DUMB-FOUNDED AT THIS DRAW OF 5-SOU...!

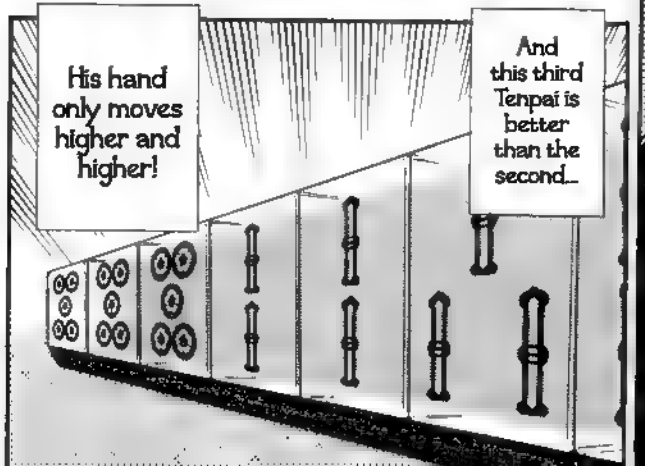

Des-troying what he had ...
Even after taking it apart twice already...
It is once again brought back to life!
His hand is instantly repaired ...!


HE BRINGS IT BACK TIME AND TIME AGAIN!


With a single ura-dora...
This time, he also has the Dora, 5-sou worked in!
On top of the San Ankou if he makes a Tsumo...

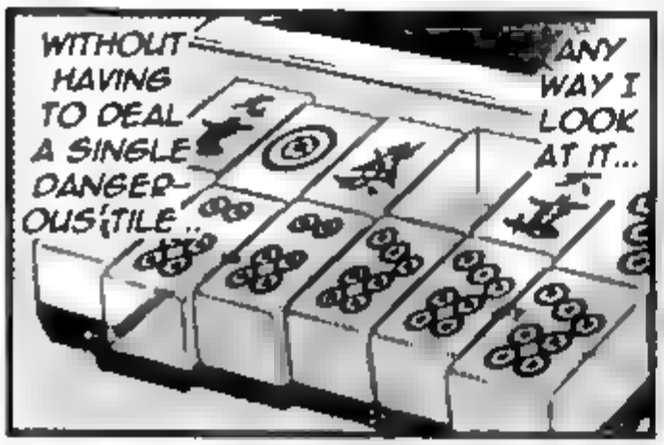
GGH ....!
It would be a Hane-man hand _!

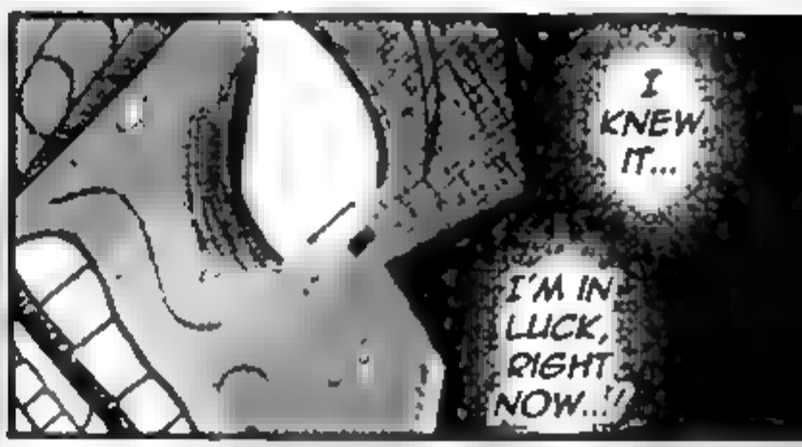

The second Tenpai was better than the first...
And more than that...


His hand only moves higher and higher!
And this third Tenpai is better than the second...

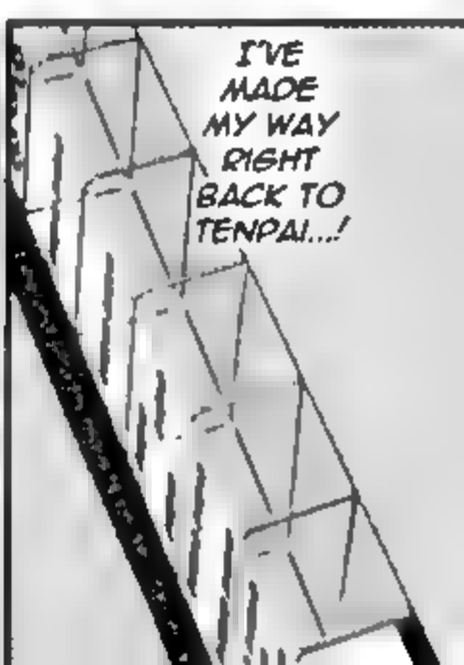
He is in Tenpai for the third time!

I'M IN LUCK...!


WITHOUT HAVING TO DEAL A SINGLE DANGER-OUS TILE...
ANY WAY I LOOK AT IT...

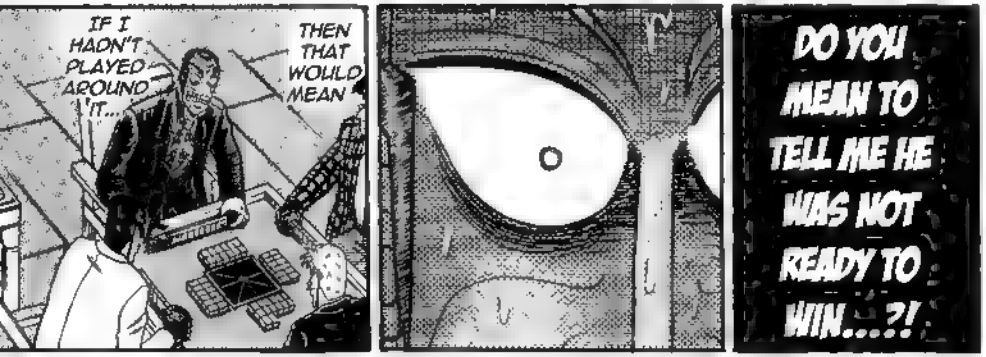

I KNEW IT...
I'M IN LUCK, RIGHT NOW...!?

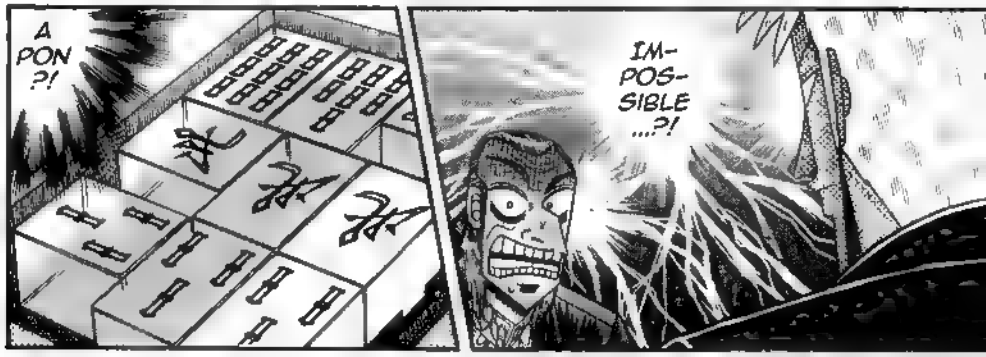
THIS CAN ONLY MEAN ...!

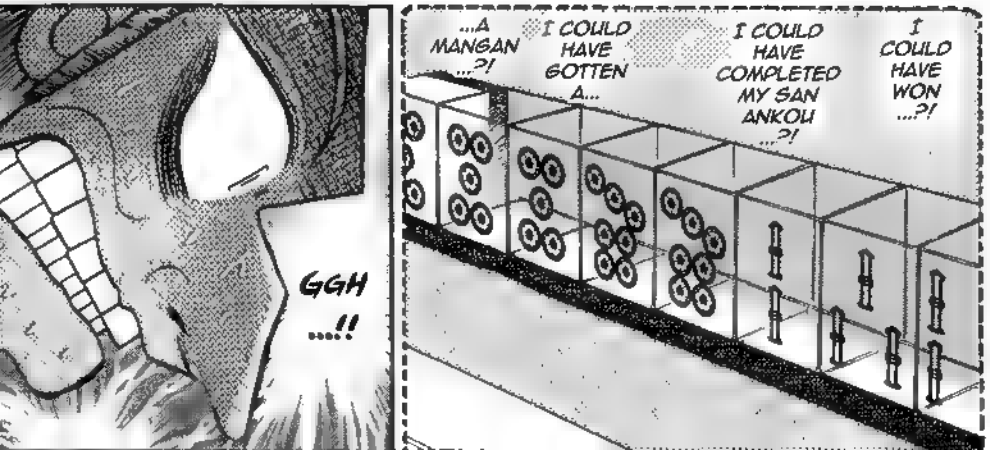

I'VE MADE MY WAY RIGHT BACK TO TENPAI...!

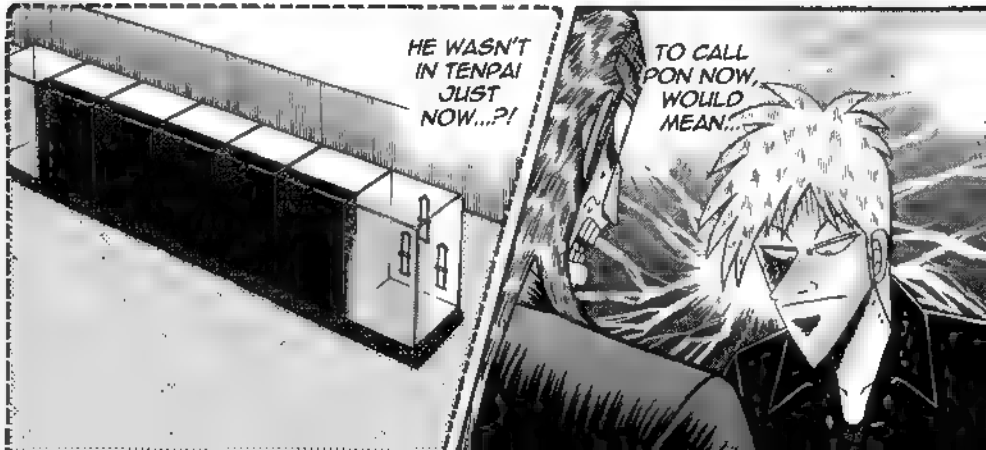
HUH ?! ....!
PON!
WHA ...

Akagi's Hand
WH-AAAT ...?!

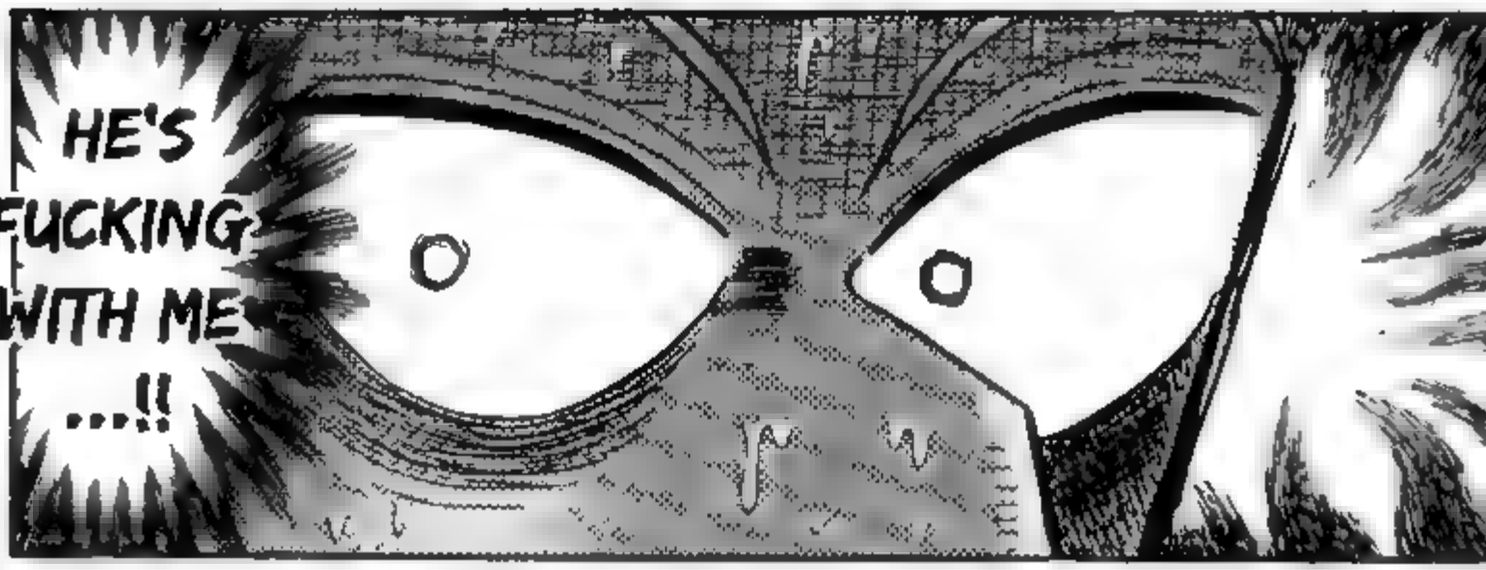

IF I HADN'T PLAYED AROUND IT...
THEN THAT WOULD MEAN
DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME HE WAS NOT READY TO WIN...?!

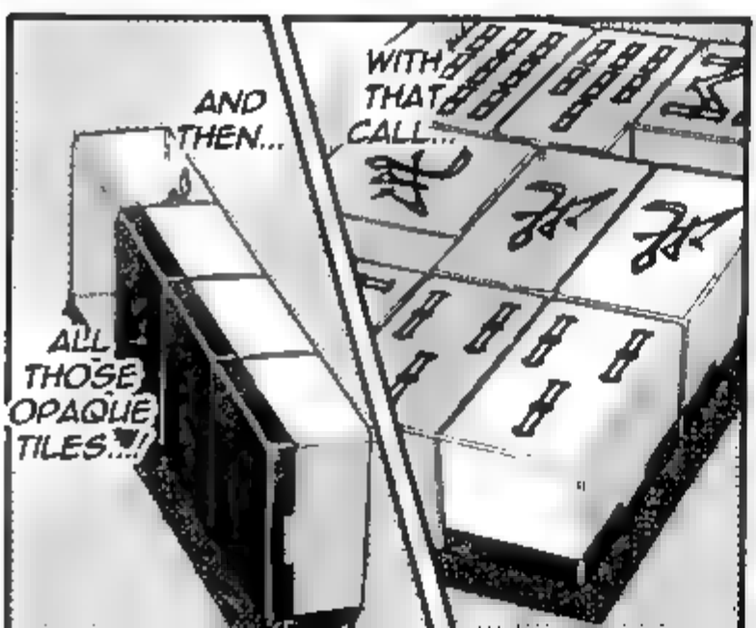

A PON ?!
IM-POS-SIBLE ...?!


GGH ...!!
...A MANGAN ...?!
I COULD HAVE GOTTEN A...
I COULD HAVE COMPLETED MY SAN ANKOU ...?!
I COULD HAVE WON ...?!


HE WASN'T IN TENPAI JUST NOW...?!
TO CALL PON NOW, WOULD MEAN...

THAT BRAT ...!


HE'S FUCKING WITH ME ...!!


AND THEN...
WITH THAT CALL...
ALL THOSE OPAQUE TILES...!!

ALL HE DID WAS TRICK ME!
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HE MANIPULATED ME COMPLETELY!! AGAIN!!
HE REALLY DID IT!!

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN...
FUCK!

DRAW IT!! THE TON... OR THE 2-SOU...!!
.....
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, IT NEEDS TO BE...!!

IT NEEDS TO BE !!
-...!

GGH
...!
WHAT ...?!

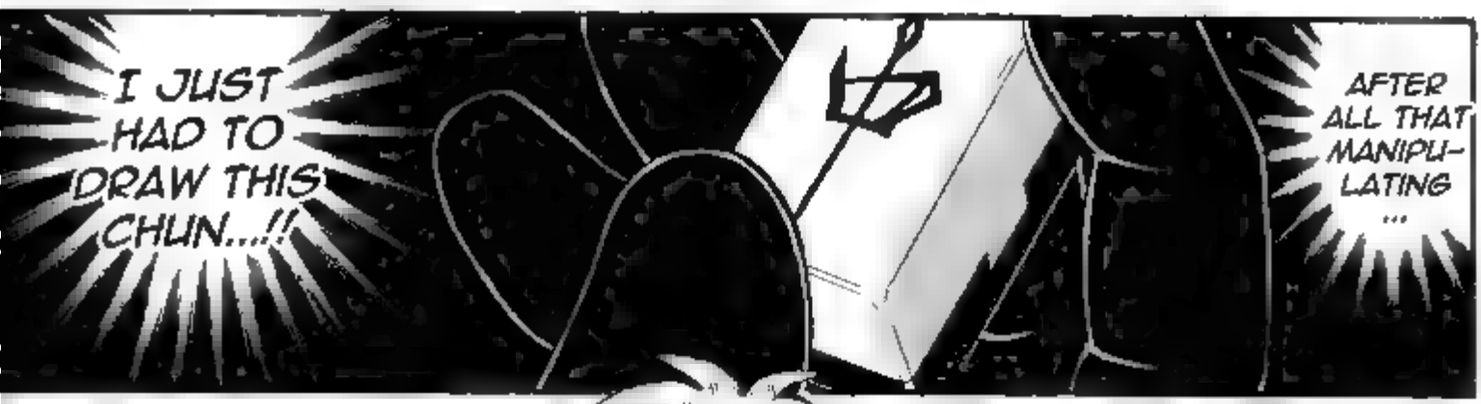
IT HAS TO BE...
THAT HAND...

THE CHUN... THEN...!

A CHUN ...!

...
WAITING ON THIS ...!
THERE'S NO TENPAIS LEFT BUT A SINGLE WAIT ON THIS CHUN!
THIS COULD BE HIS WAIT ...!!
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE ...!!

IT JUST HAD TO BE THIS ...!
GGH ...!


I JUST HAD TO DRAW THIS CHUN...!!
AFTER ALL THAT MANIPU-LATING ...

KG HH ...!!
.....

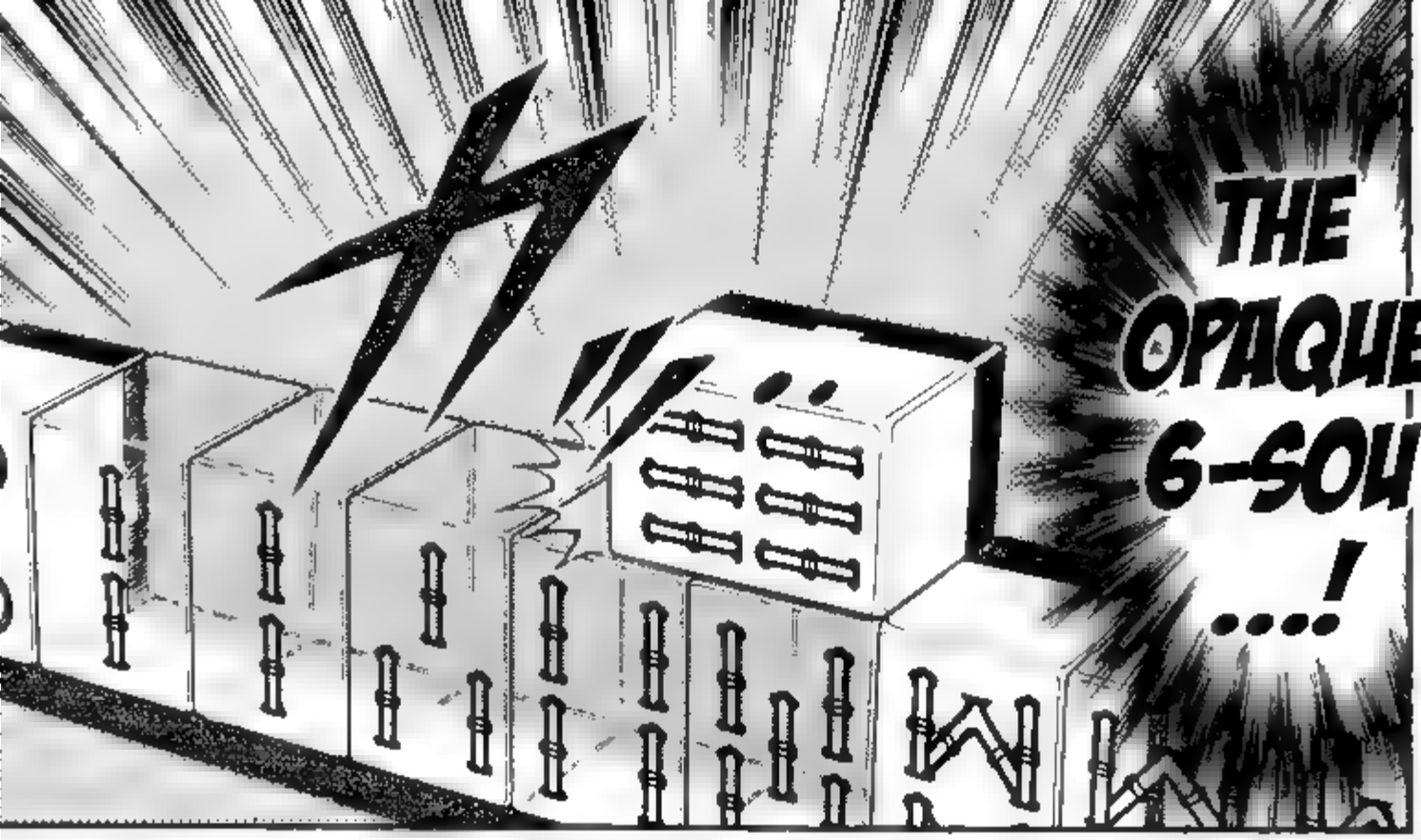
.....
Was-hizu...
While having agonizing thoughts, finally plays the 5-pin...!
This could not be helped.
But...
He breaks up his Tenpai!
For a third time!
If Akagi were in Tenpai, it could only be a single wait on this Chun!
Because it was the Opaque Chun he drew...

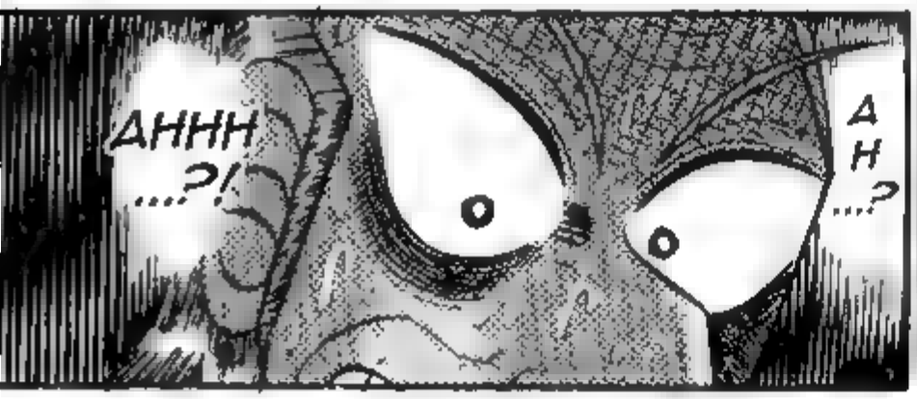
To think that Akagi could be in Noten now...
After calling so many times to this point...
Would be too great an assumption to make!
Akagi's Tenpai ...
Was not only limited down to a Chun Single Wait...
From there ...
He must be in Tenpai!
Because Washizu could see where the Opaque 3-sou and 8-sou were...
But as well, it could only be one of these two hands!
Of course, having a triplet of three opaque tiles is impossible...
No other Souzu Sequences were possible!

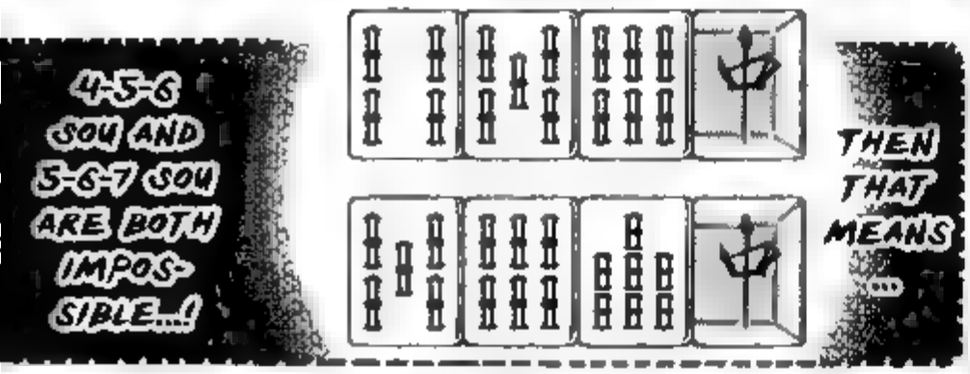
These were the only remaining possibilities!
So as a result...
This chun was clearly too dan-gerous!
He could not play it!
So in that way...
So it could not be helped!
There was no way to justify playing it!
At least for the time being -
It had won out!

...
DESPERATE BLUFF HAD COME OUT VICTORIOUS!
AKAGI'S ...
But...
All that would end on the 18th Turn...!

That bluff ...
Would lose its grip on him!!


THE OPAQUE 6-SOU ...!


AHHH ...?!
AH ...?


4-5-6 SOU AND 5-6-7 SOU ARE BOTH IMPOS-SIBLE...!
THEN THAT MEANS ...

WHAAAAT?!

WHA ...?!
IM-POS-SIBLE ...?

IF THEY'RE IMPOSSIBLE, THEN...!
NOTEN...?!
IT'S NOTEN...!

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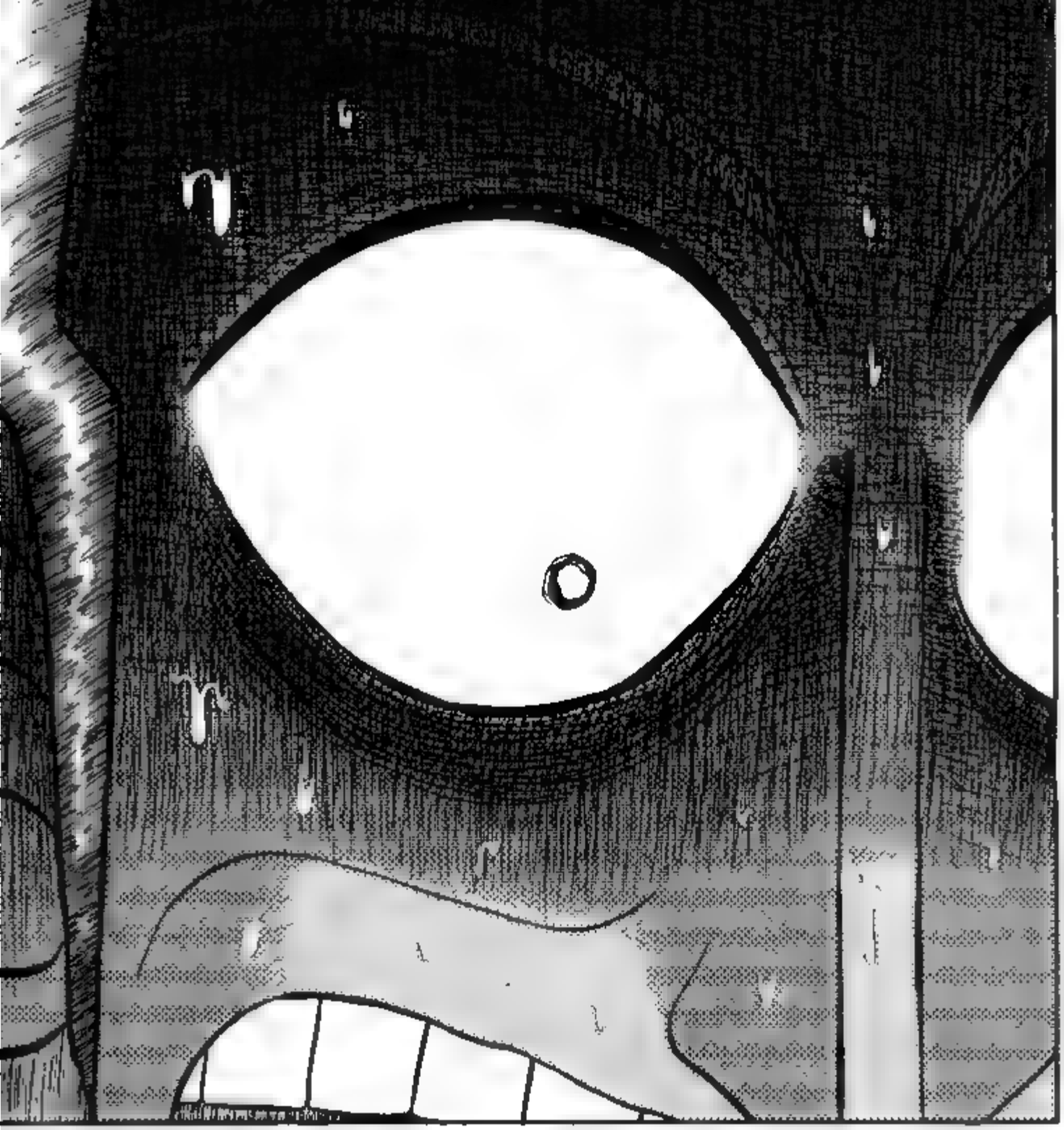
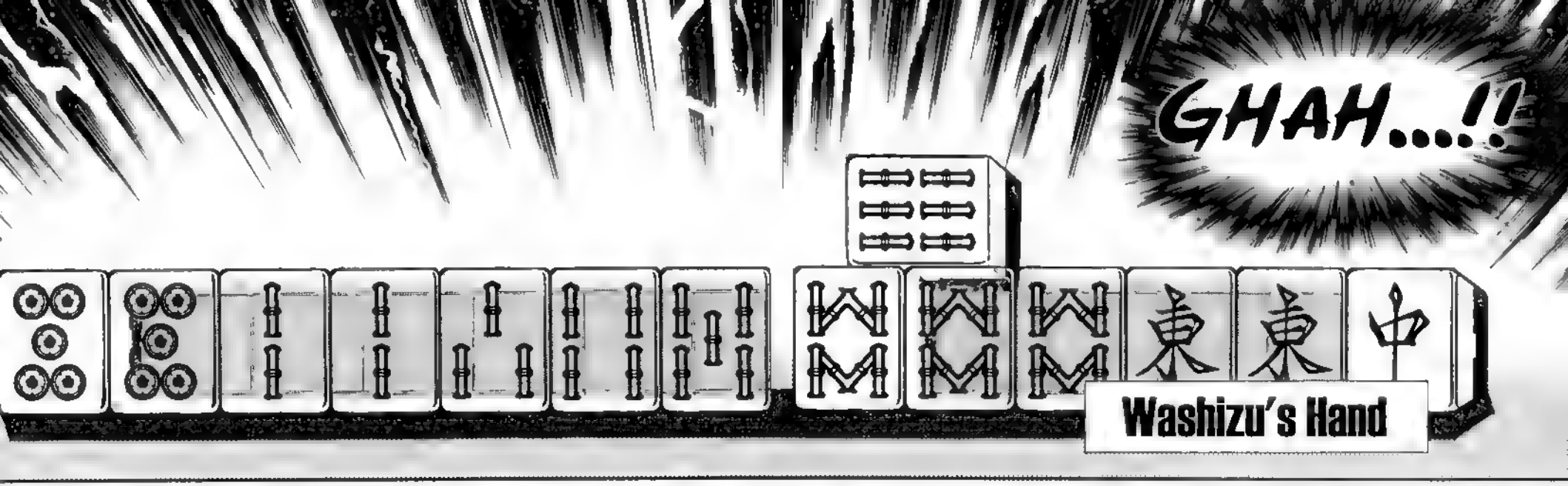
NOTEN...!
HE'S IN NOTEN?!...
EVEN AFTER CALLING THREE TIMES...
Akagi: 25,300 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Funds: 572.5 Million Yen

IT CAN ONLY BE... INOTEN...!!!
HE'S STILL IN INOTEN?!



UUU
RRR
GGG
HHH
HHH
...!!!
URGH
...!


GHAH...!!
Washizu's Hand

TRYING TO GIVE ME EVERY HINT...
THEY WERE TRYING TO TELL ME!
THEY WERE !!
THE HEAVENS WERE PUSHING ME ALONG ...!

THEY WERE PLEADING ME TO TAKE THIS... THIS FALLEN ANGEL...
"KILL HIM" !!
"WIN! WIN!! WIN!!!"

I COULD HAVE COMPLETED MY HAND ...!
SO VERY MANY TIMES ...!

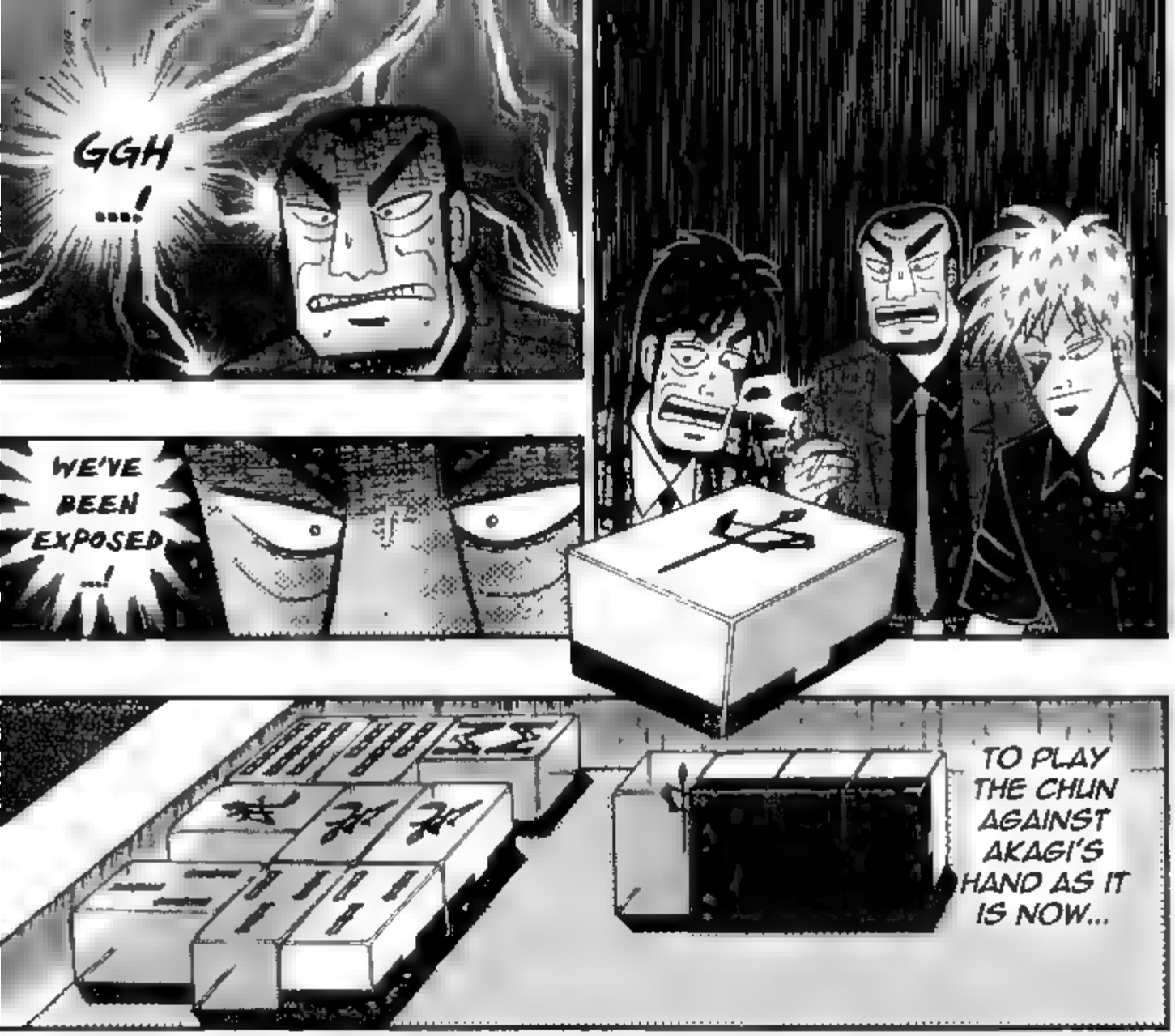
SO MANY TIMES...!
SO MANY TIMES...!!
SO MANY TIMES...!!!

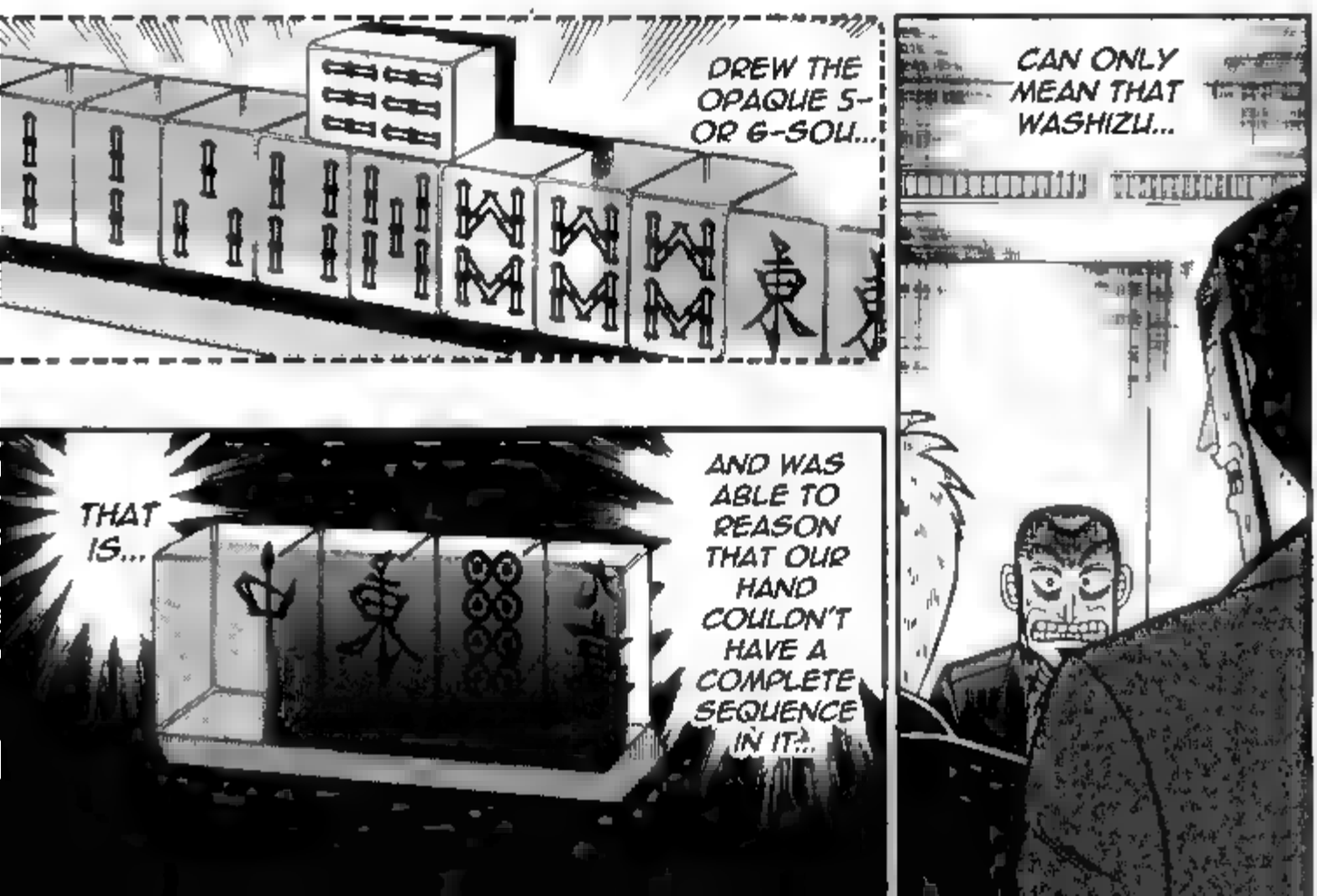
GGH ...!!

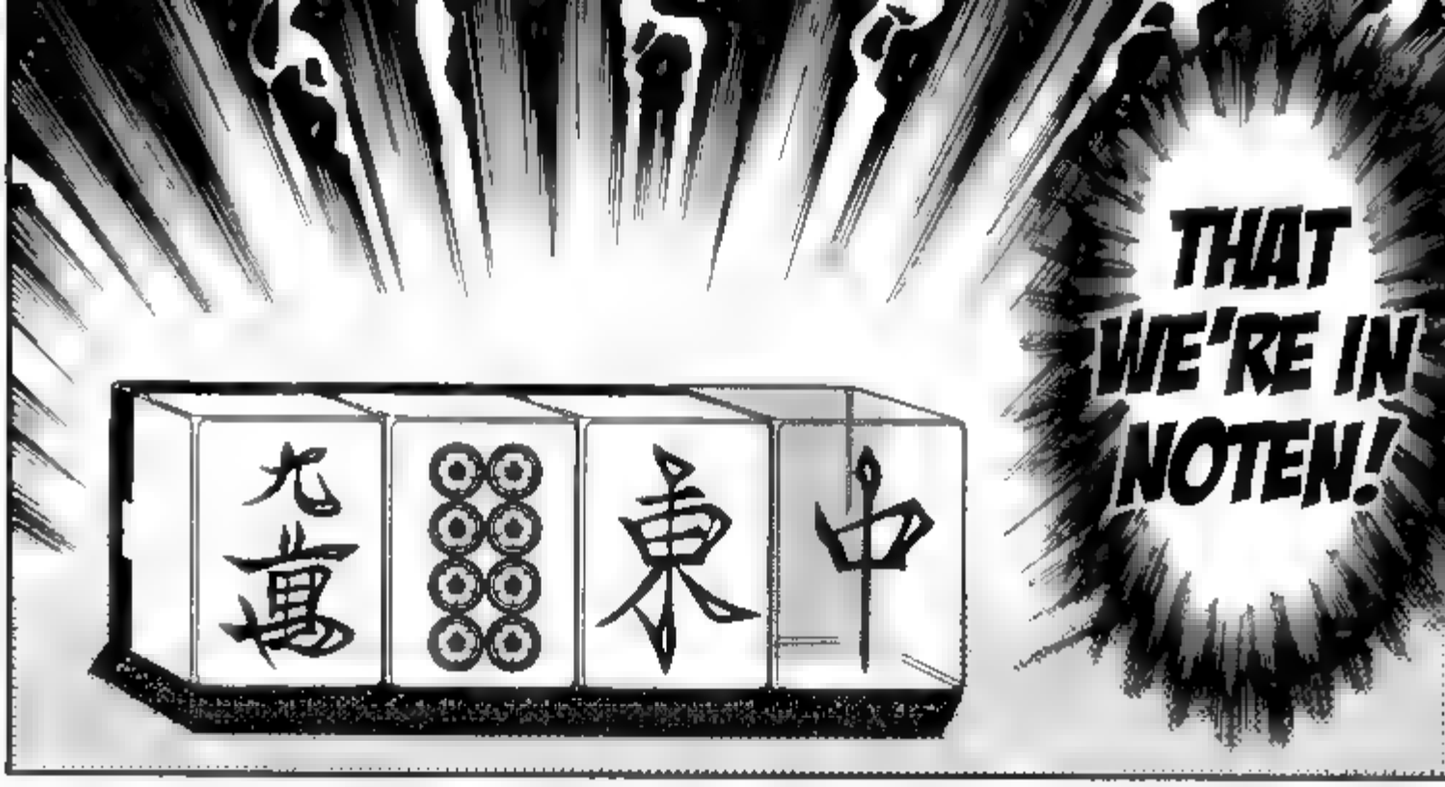
THEY WERE ALL ON MY SIDE, AND YET...!!
...THIS DEMON, TO HIS DEATH...!!

GHH
...!!
ONLY BECAUSE MY OWN EYES HAD GLOSSED OVER...
.....
...IS HE STILL ALIVE!!
AND I COULDN'T SEE WHAT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...

IT IS MY FAULT THAT DEMON STILL LIVES!!


GGH ...!
WE'VE BEEN EXPOSED ...!
TO PLAY THE CHUN AGAINST AKAGI'S HAND AS IT IS NOW...

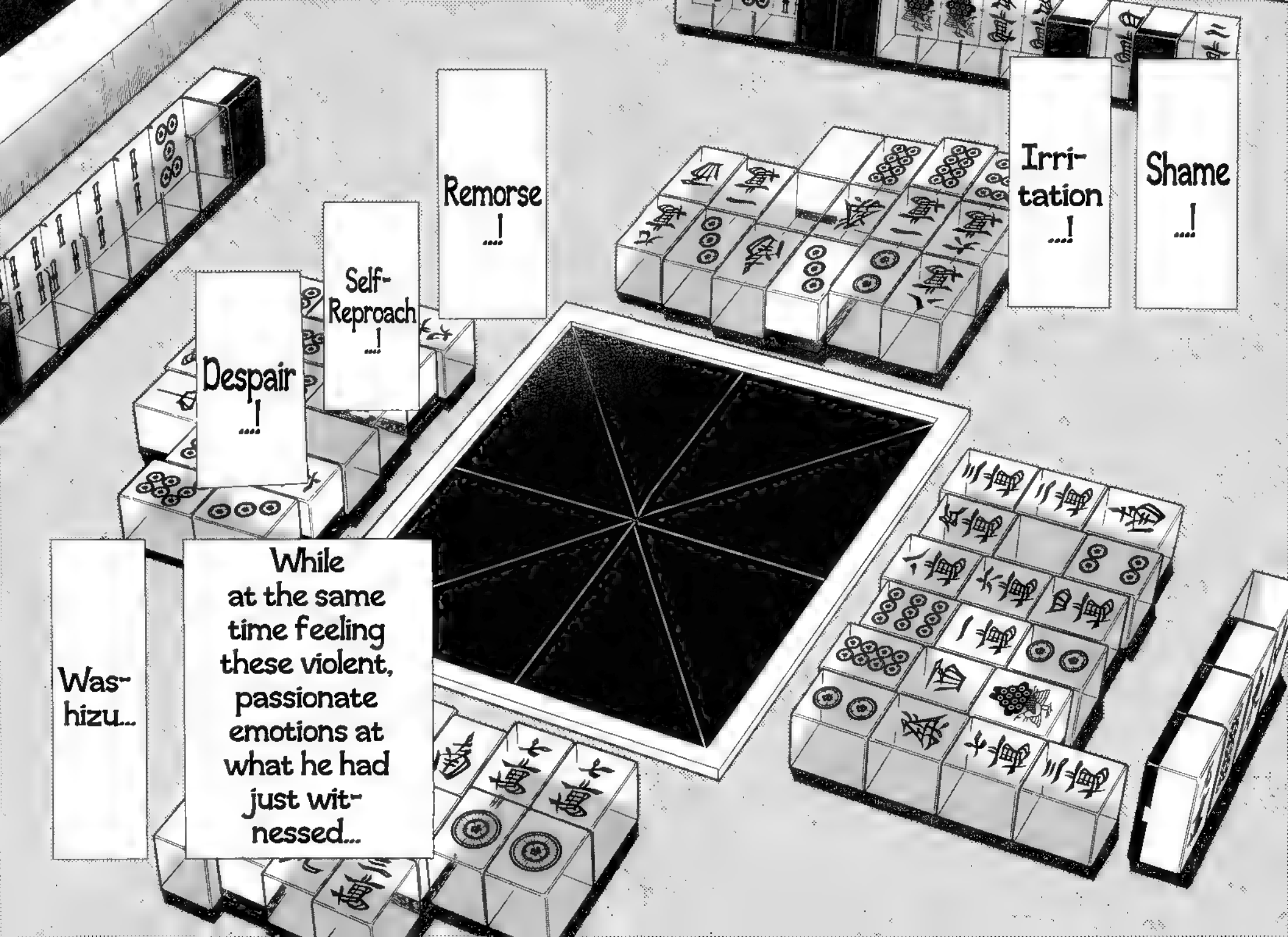

DREW THE OPAQUE 5- OR 6-SOU...
CAN ONLY MEAN THAT WASHIZU...
THAT IS...
AND WAS ABLE TO REASON THAT OUR HAND COULDN'T HAVE A COMPLETE SEQUENCE IN IT...


THAT WE'RE IN NOTEN!

HE KNOWS NOW...!
COM-PLETELY EXPOSED FOR WHAT IT IS!
OUR BLUFF HAS BEEN ...

Anger ...!

Sur-
prise
...!
Stupe-
faction
...!


Remorse ...!
Irri- tation ...!
Shame ...!
Self- Reproach ...!
Despair ...!
Was- hizu...
While at the same time feeling these violent, passionate emotions at what he had just wit- nessed...

...Had, in the same breath, discov-ered...
HAHH ....!

...The confir-mation he needed ...!

EH HEH HEH HEH ...
KHEH HEH HEH ...
KHEH HEH HEH HEH ...
ざわ…
ざわ…
ざわ…
That, at this point in time...
.....
...He had tremendously strong luck...!
It was luck at such a level...
...That it could not be measured ...!
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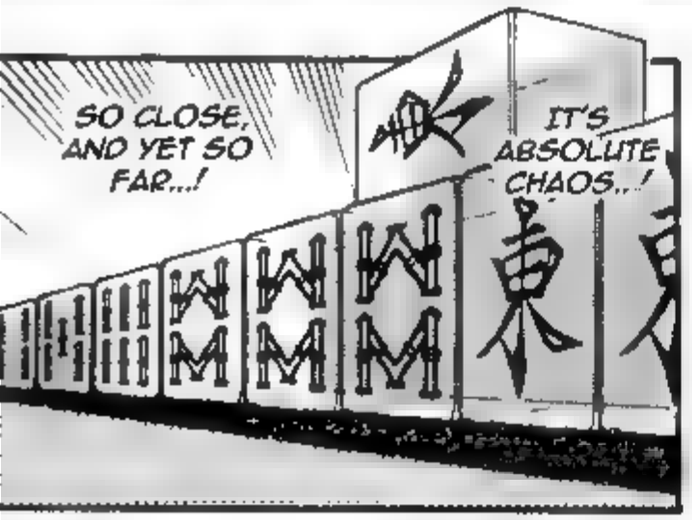
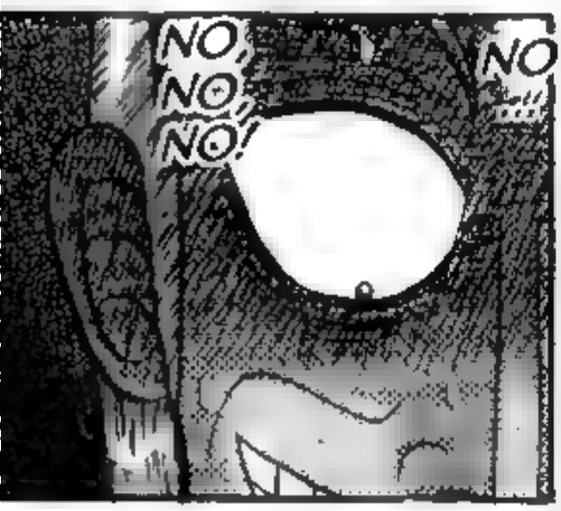
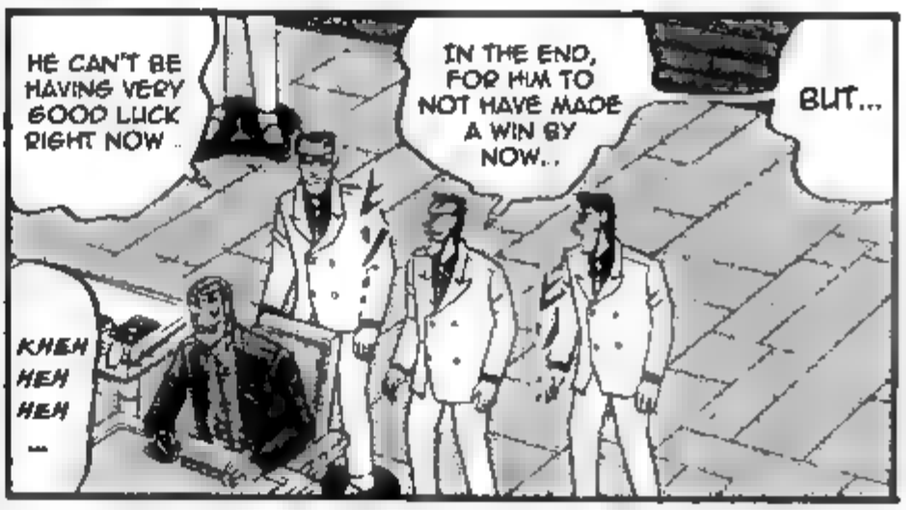
GH ...!
KAH...!
HAHH ...!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS ...?!

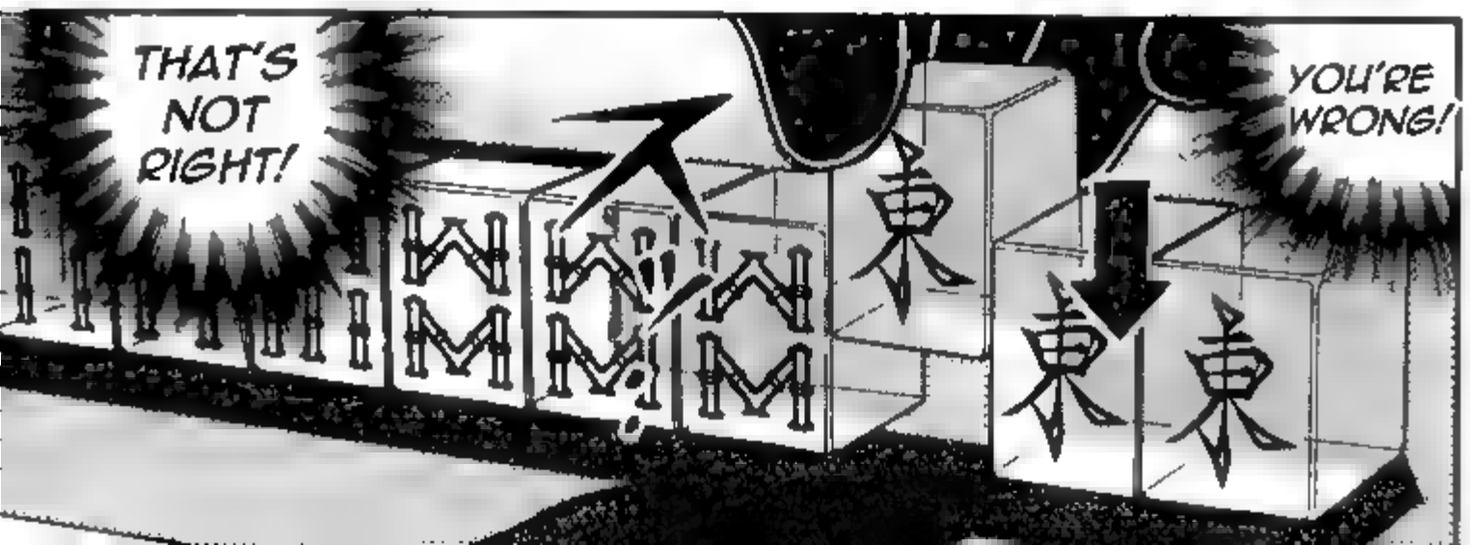
AND MORE THAN THAT...
HE MADE IT TO TENPAI, AGAIN...!

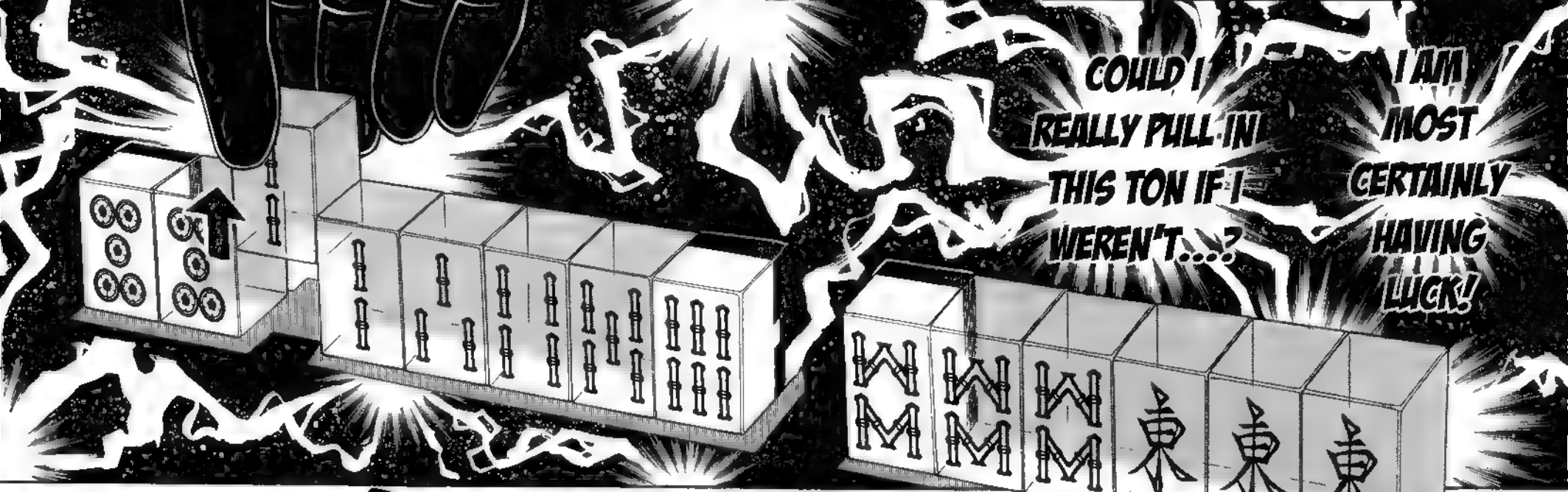

SO CLOSE, AND YET SO FAR...!
IT'S ABSOLUTE CHAOS..!

AGAIN ...!
HE COULD HAVE EVEN WON ...!


NO, NO, NO!
NO


HE CAN'T BE HAVING VERY GOOD LUCK RIGHT NOW..
IN THE END, FOR HIM TO NOT HAVE MADE A WIN BY NOW..
BUT...
KHEH HEH HEH ...

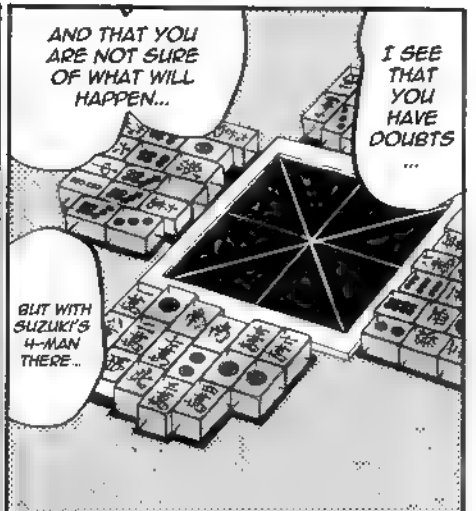

THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
YOU'RE WRONG!


COULD I REALLY PULL IN THIS TON IF I WEREN'T...?
I AM MOST CERTAINLY HAVING LUCK!

I UNDER-STAND!

YOU SIMPLY CAN'T SEE IT, YET!

AND BECA-USE..
THAT TON PUT ME IN TENPAI...
THE ROUND IS OVER ...!


AND THAT YOU ARE NOT SURE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN...
I SEE THAT YOU HAVE DOUBTS ...
BUT WITH SUZUKI'S 4-MAN THERE..

IT IS QUITE ALL RIGHT !

BUT...!
THAT MUCH IS A PROBLEM...

BECAUSE IT HASN'T PAYED OFF!
HOW FORT-UNATE I AM!

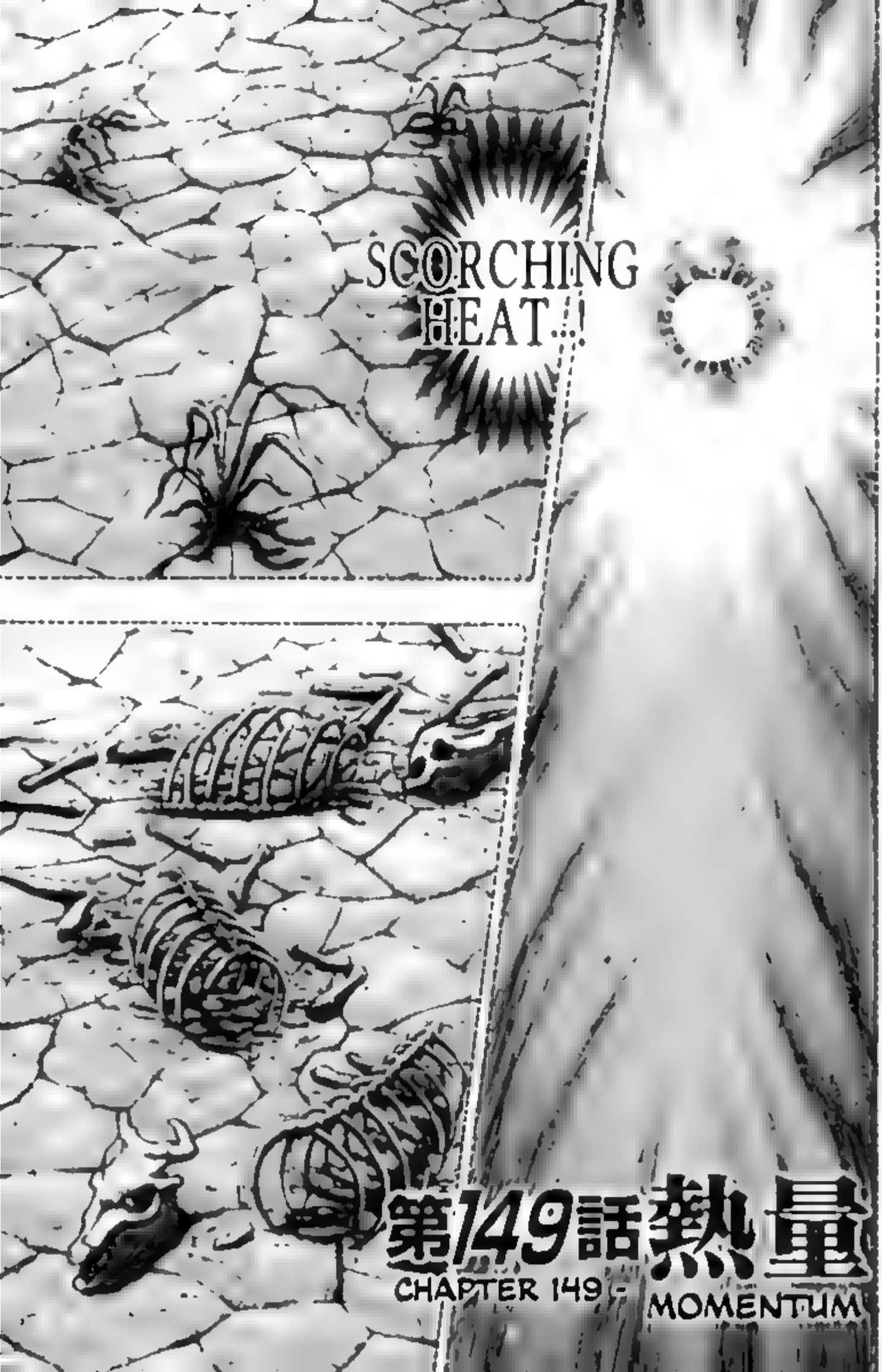
...I MAY CONTINUE MY TURN AS DEALER!!

チャラ
GAH...!

WITH THIS EXTRA TURN AS DEALER!
I CAN DO IT!
YES!!
I GET ANOTHER HONBA!

So Akagi's noten pay-ments ...
He just barely made it...!
Yasuoka was also in Tenpai -
TCH...
Went to Yasuoka!
I CAN DO IT THIS TIME!
THIS TIME!
WELL, THAT'S FINE.
He did not lose any blood!
COME TO ME ...!
SO...
IF I KILL HIM IN THE NEXT ROUND, IT WILL BE FINE!

I AM LITERALLY ON FIRE!!
I HAVE TREMENDOUS FORTUNE RIGHT NOW!
TO NOTH-ING!!!
I SHALL BURN ALL THAT SUR-ROUNDS ME...



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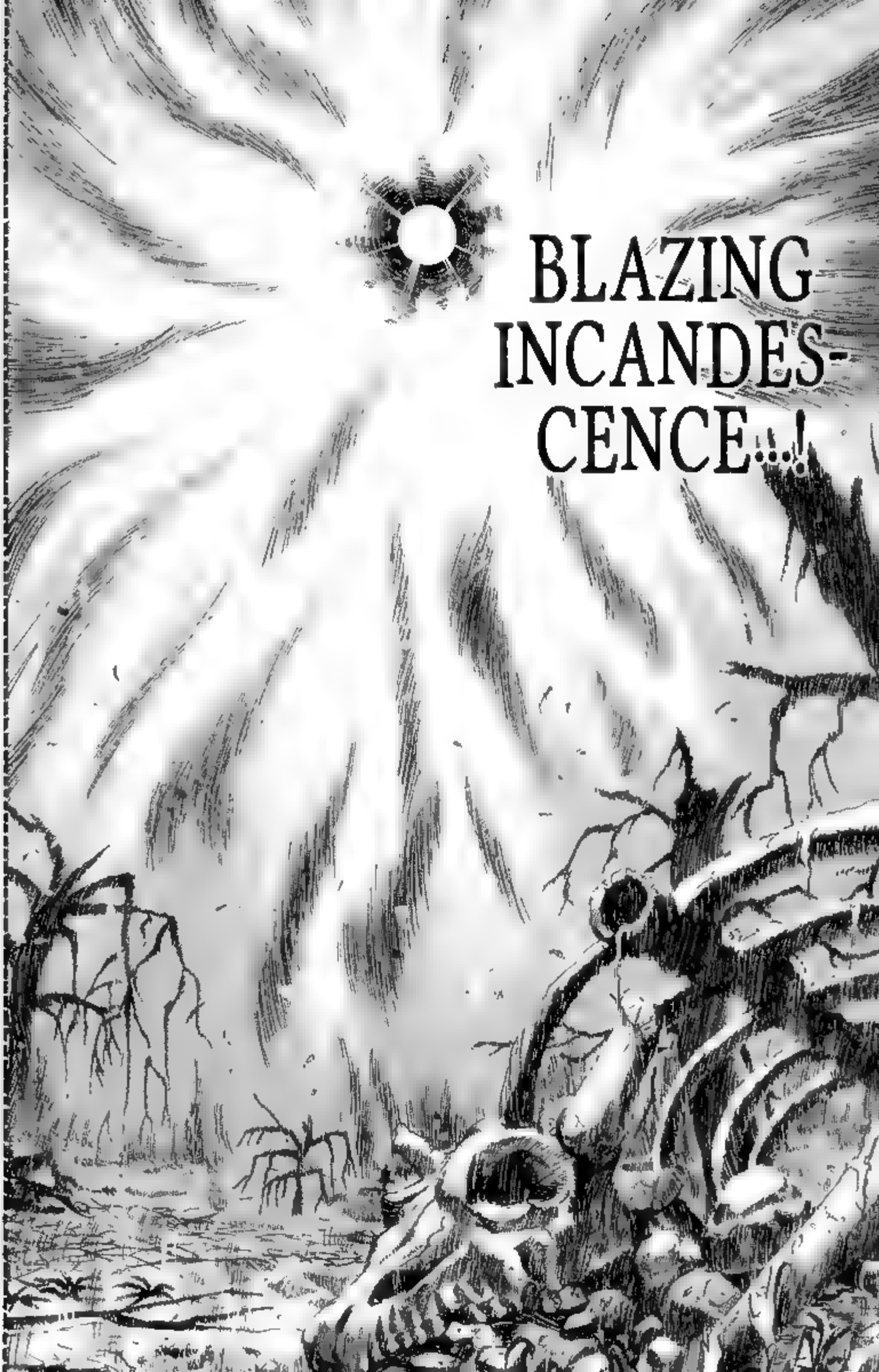
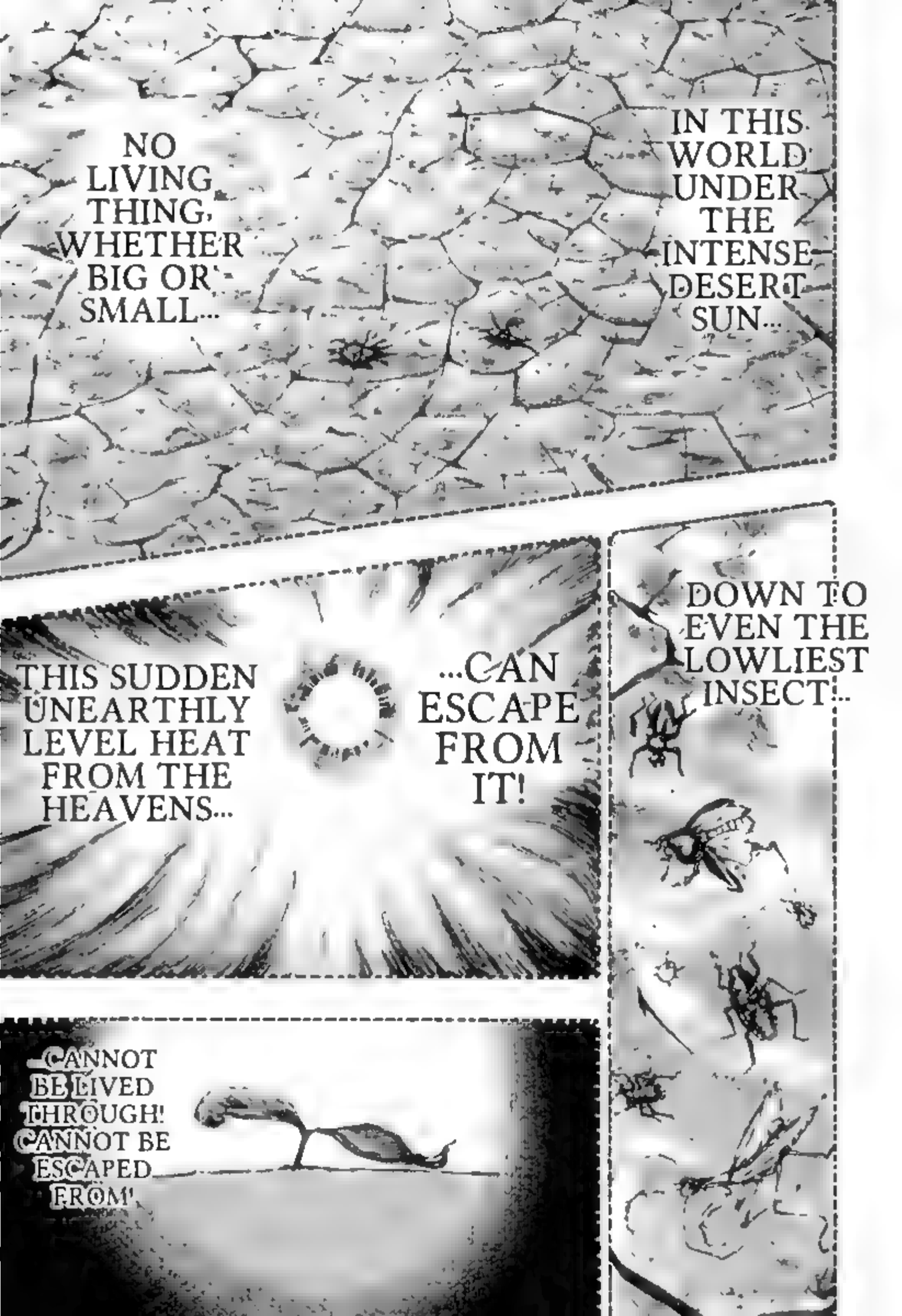

BLAZING
INCANDES-
CENCE...!


NO LIVING THING, WHETHER BIG OR SMALL...
IN THIS WORLD UNDER THE INTENSE DESERT SUN...
THIS SUDDEN UNEARTHLY LEVEL HEAT FROM THE HEAVENS...
...CAN ESCAPE FROM IT!
DOWN TO EVEN THE LOWLIEST INSECT...
CANNOT BE LIVED THROUGH! CANNOT BE ESCAPED FROM!

ALL WILL BE ENGULFED IN THIS HEAT ENERGY!
NOT CONSUMED IN THE FIRE!!
ONE SOLITARY CREATURE LEFT...
I WILL NOT LEAVE EVEN ONE —
ALL WILL BURN TO ASH!!
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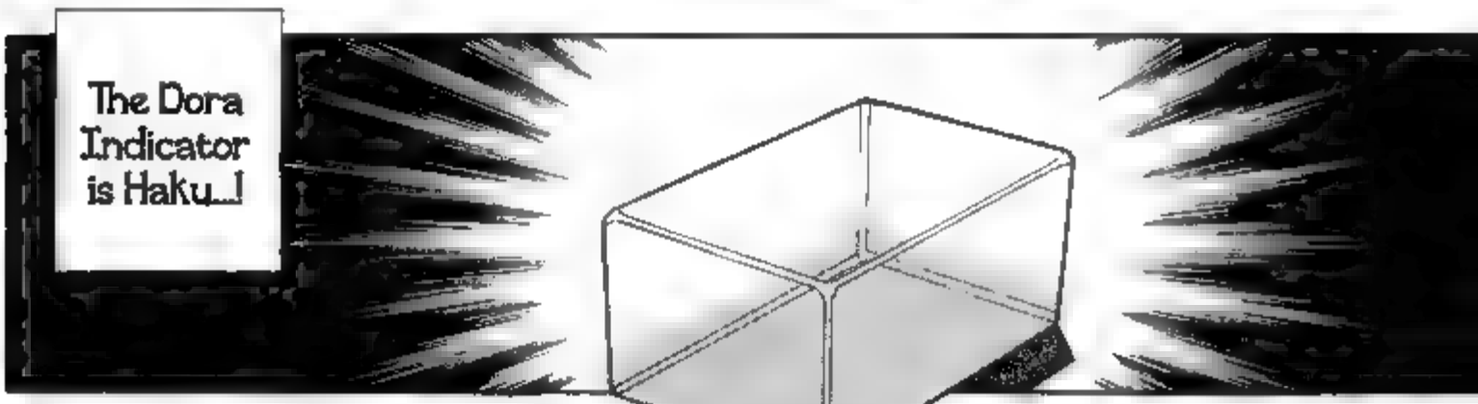
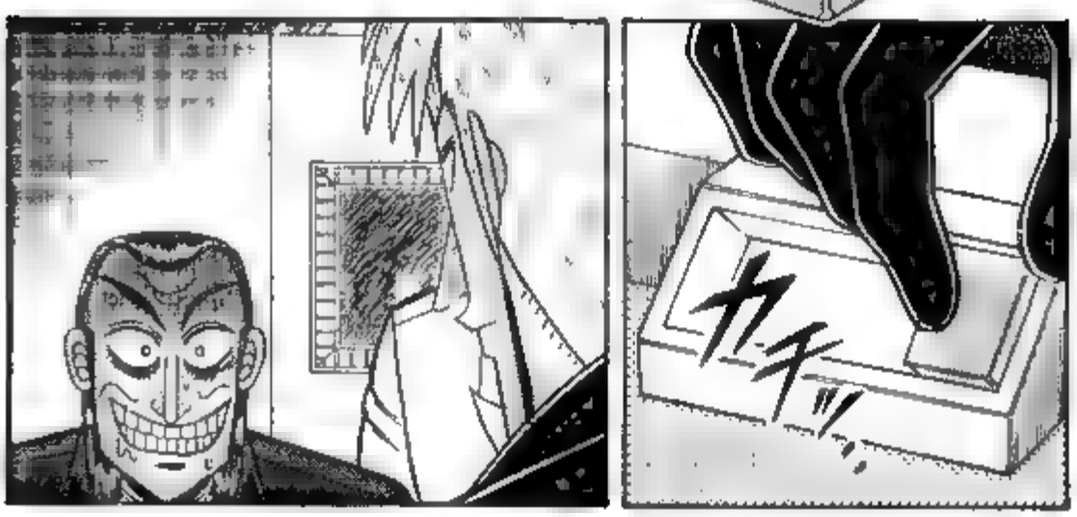
ゴゴ...
ゴゴ... ゴゴ...

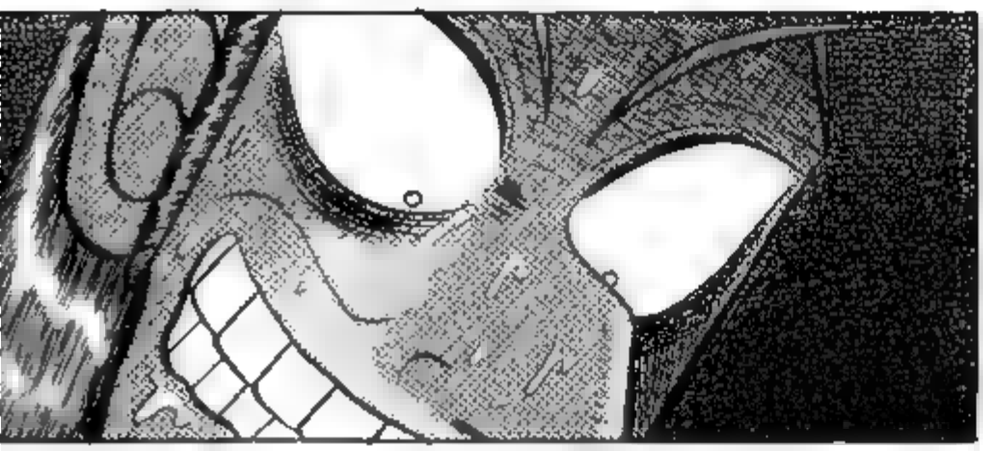
ALL SHALL BE EVAPO-RATED!!


The Dora Indicator is Haku...!



EVEN THAT MAN ...

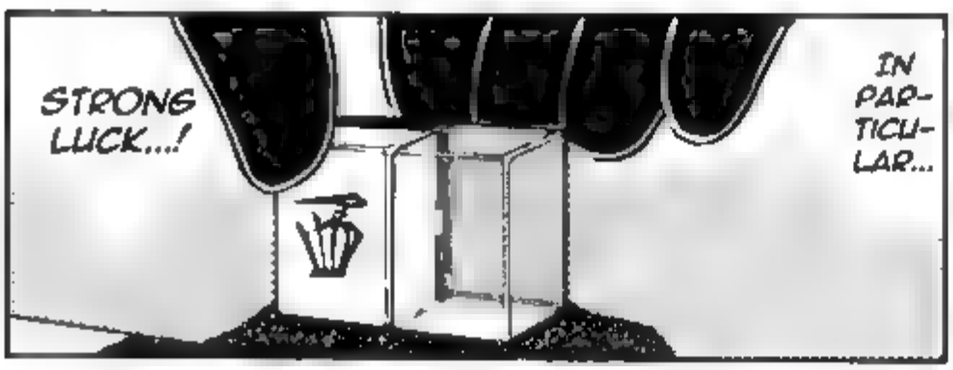
...THE MAN AS COLD AS ICE, SHALL BE MELTED!!

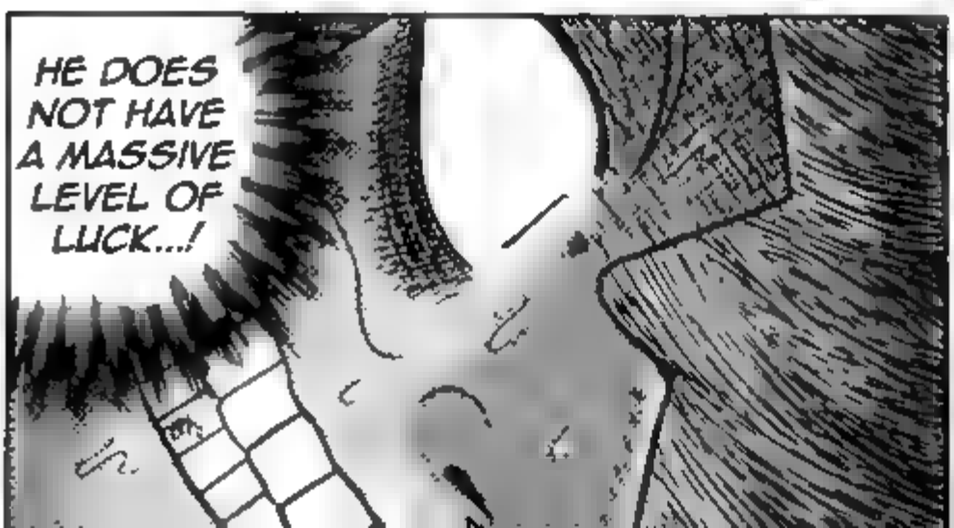


YES ....!

I SEE IT NOW... THAT MAN...

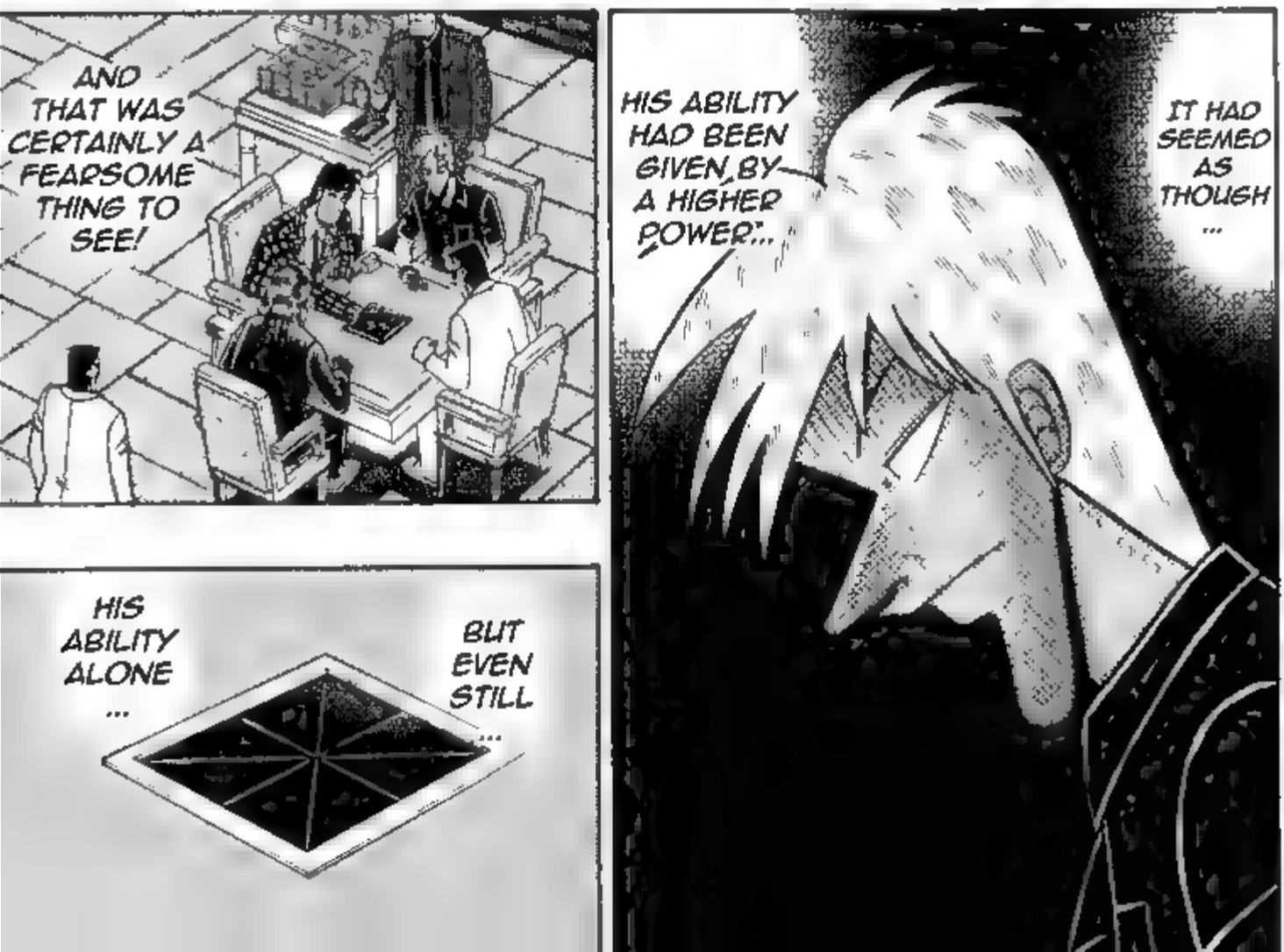
HE TRULY EXCELS AT WHAT HE DOES..!!
...IS EXTRAORDI-NARY, EVEN AMONG DEMONS ...!


STRONG LUCK...!
IN PAR-TICU-LAR...

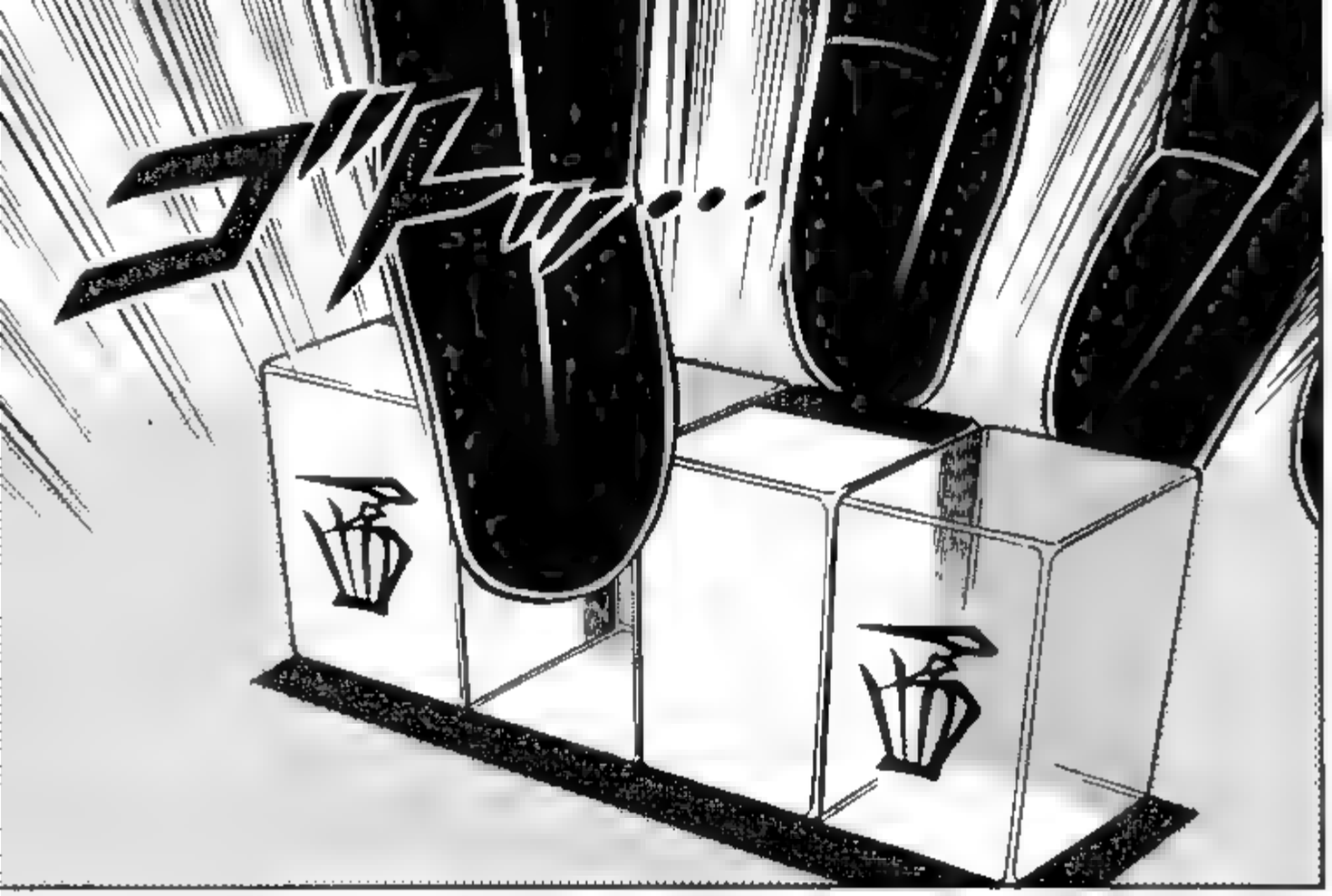

HE DOES NOT HAVE A MASSIVE LEVEL OF LUCK...!

TRUE AS THAT MAY BE...
BUT...

AND IN HIS LEVEL OF INTELLECT ...
THAT IN SKILL...
WHILE IT IS TRUE...
COMPARED TO ME, IT IS— AVERAGE!
THAT HE IS FAR ABOVE AVERAGE ...!
IT IS UNDENI- ABLE...


AND THAT WAS CERTAINLY A FEARSOME THING TO SEE!
HIS ABILITY HAD BEEN GIVEN BY A HIGHER POWER...
IT HAD SEEMED AS THOUGH ...
HIS ABILITY ALONE ...
BUT EVEN STILL ...

IMPRESSIVE, BUT IT CAN BE SWEPT ASIDE!
...IS JUST A TRIFLE, IN THE END!
IT DOES NOT MATTER IN THE LEAST!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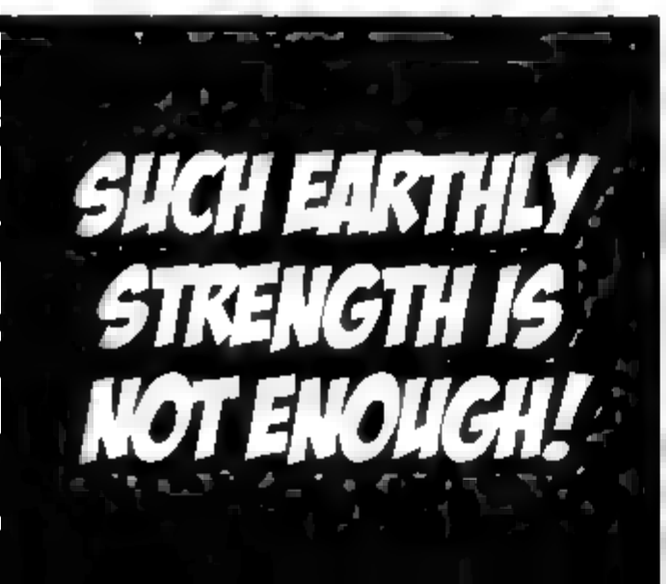
NEXT TO TRUE STRENGTH, IT DOES NOT MATTER!!


SUCH EARTHLY STRENGTH IS NOT ENOUGH!

ざわ…
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AND THAT IS...

GGH
...?!

南 南
MOMEN-
TUM...!
HEAT
ENERGY
...!
ざわ...
IN
OTHER
WORDS
...
ざわ
ざわ

OVERWHELM-
ING POWER!!
THE KIND
OF ALL-SUP-
PRESSING...

INCOM-
PARABLE
STRENGTH
...!!

FOR I
AM...
I
CAN-
NOT
LOSE
...!
WITH THAT
STRENGTH
BEHIND
ME...

A BEING TEEMING WITH HEAT ENERGY!!
THE VERY INCARNATION OF THAT KIND OF POWER!!
THAT PIDDLY LITTLE "SKILL" THAT HE HAS..!!
I CAN SOAR FAR ABOVE IT...!

THEN EVEN IF RIGHT BELOW IT
IF A NUCLEAR BOMB IS BEING DROPPED
IT'S SIMPLY COMMON SENSE!

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...?
THE BEST MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE WORLD STOOD THERE...

WOULD BE TO SMILE AT IT, UN-AFRAID...!
THE ONLY THING THAT HE COULD DO...

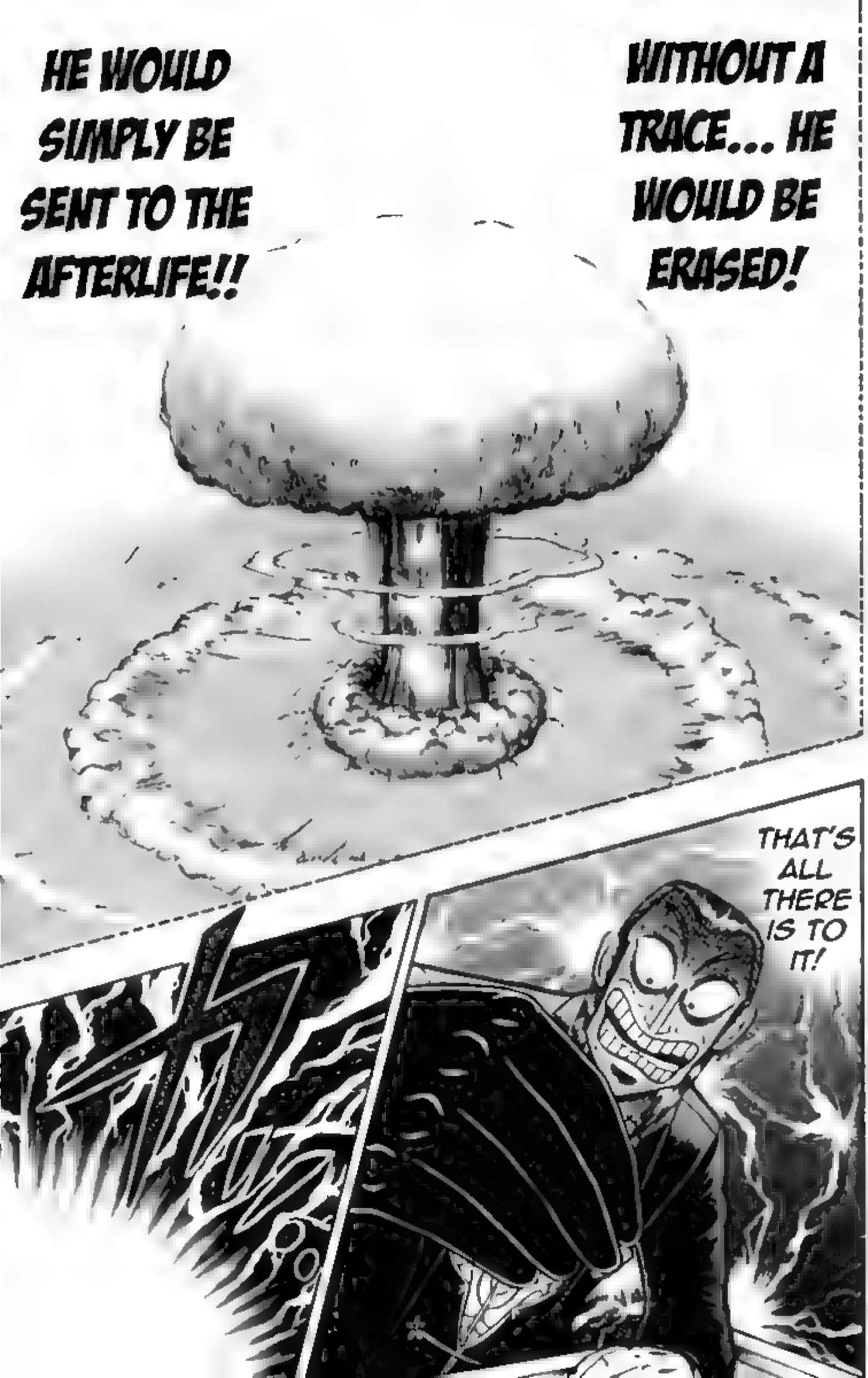
NOT ALLOWING HIS PRIDE TO BE COMPRO-MISED!
HE WOULD STARE AT IT, UNFLI-NCHING...
UP UNTIL HIS EVENTUAL DEATH...

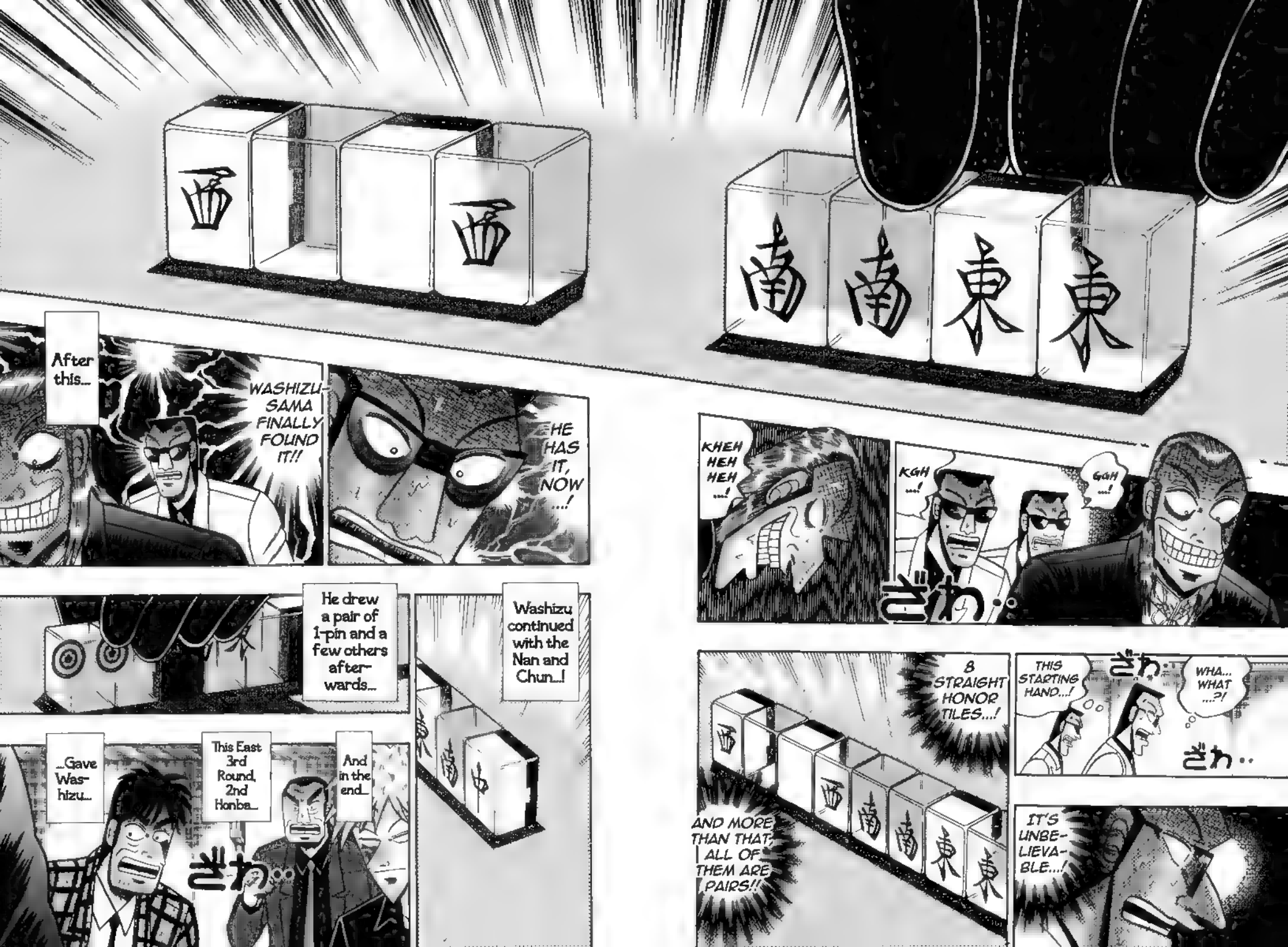
NO MATTER HOW CLEVER HE IS... ONCE THE BOMB DROPS...
THAT'S ALL THAT WOULD COME FROM IT...!

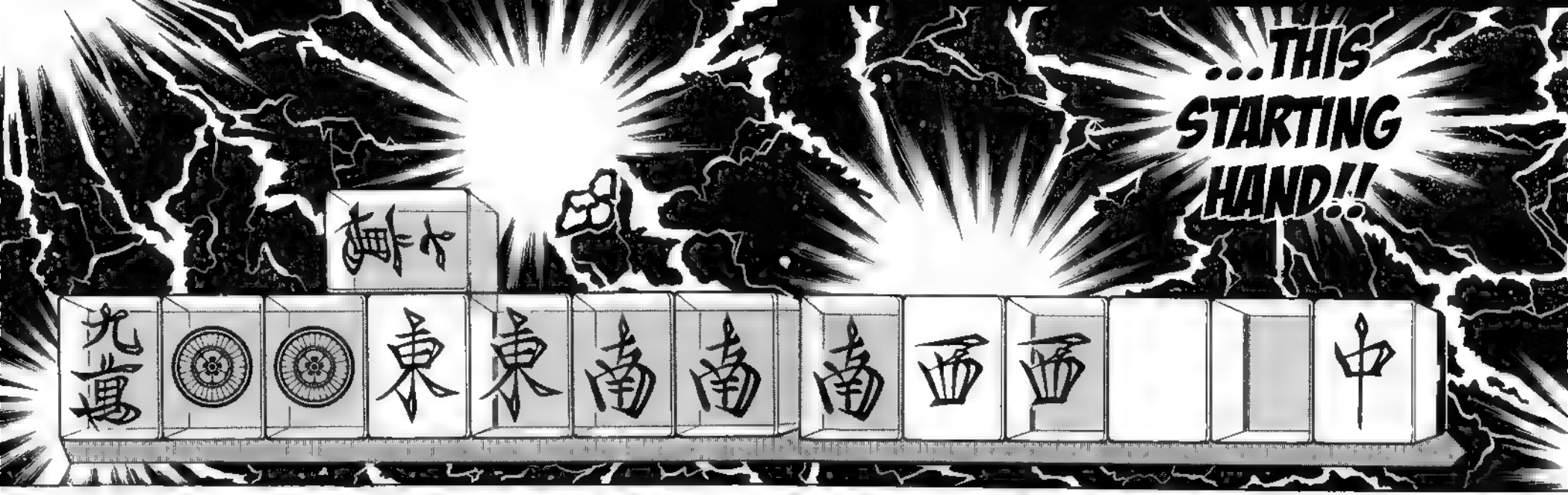
HE WOULD BE NOTHING BUT A BIG MORON!!
BUT IN THE END, HE WOULD LOOK LIKE A FOOL!

THE ONLY THING LEFT OF HIM...

...WOULD BE ASH!!
NO IF HE WERE DIRECTLY UNDER THE BOMB
NOT EVEN HIS ASHES WOULD REMAIN...!!
HE WOULD DISAPPEAR!

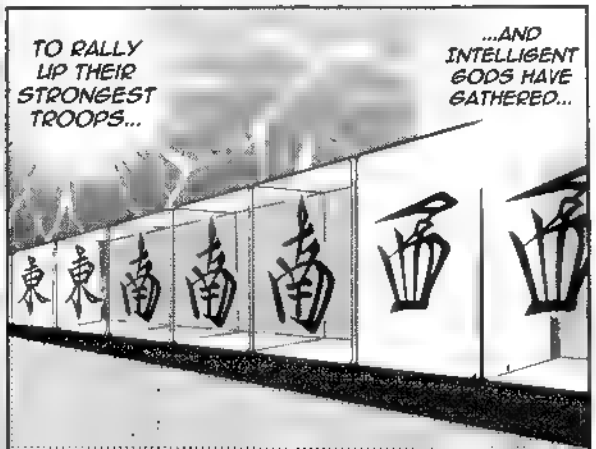

HE WOULD SIMPLY BE SENT TO THE AFTERLIFE!!
WITHOUT A TRACE... HE WOULD BE ERASED!
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!


After this...
WASHIZU-SAMA FINALLY FOUND IT!!
HE HAS IT, NOW ...!
He drew a pair of 1-pin and a few others after-wards...
Washizu continued with the Nan and Chun...!
...Gave Was-hizu...
This East 3rd Round, 2nd Honba...
And in the end...
ざわ..
KHEH HEH HEH ...!
KGH ...!
GGH ...!
ざわ..
8 STRAIGHT HONOR TILES...!
AND MORE THAN THAT, ALL OF THEM ARE PAIRS!!
THIS STARTING HAND...!
ざわ..
WHA... WHAT ...?!
ざわ..
IT'S UNBE-LIEVA-BLE...!



T/N:
HON ROU TOU IS A VERY RARE HAND WHERE ALL OF THE TILES ARE ENTIRELY 1S, 9S, AND HONORS WORTH 2 HAN IN AND OF ITSELF, BUT ALWAYS WORTH AT LEAST 4 HAN DUE TO CHII TOITSU OR TOI TOI BEING GIVEN FOR ITS COMPLETION

At the absolute worst...
Without warning, this hand with possible Hon Rou Tou, Toi Toi, Hon Itsu, Double Ton, Haku, and so on appeared!
ざわ..



THEY'VE RUSHED TO JOIN HIS SIDE...!

THIS IS JUST ....!!
IS THIS HOW DETERMINED THE HEAVENS ARE...?!
GGH ...!
GRGH ...!
GR RR GH HH ...!!

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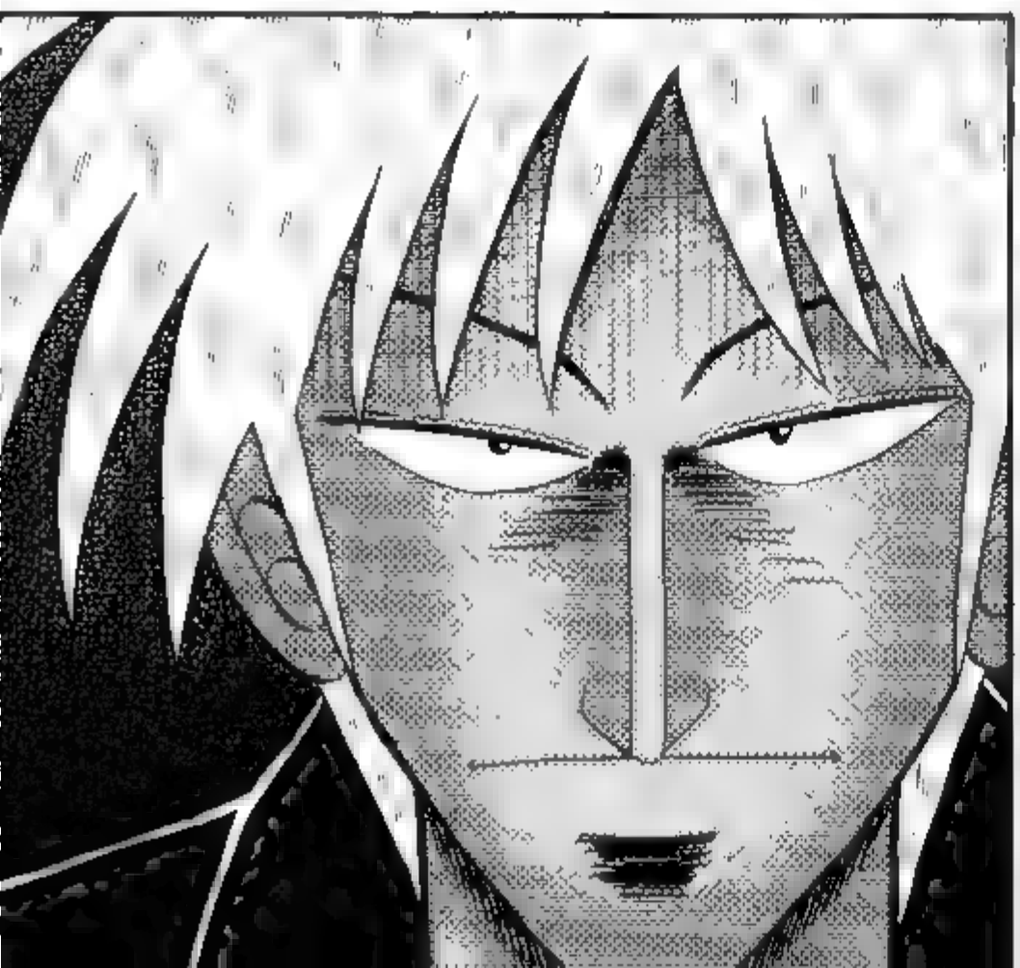
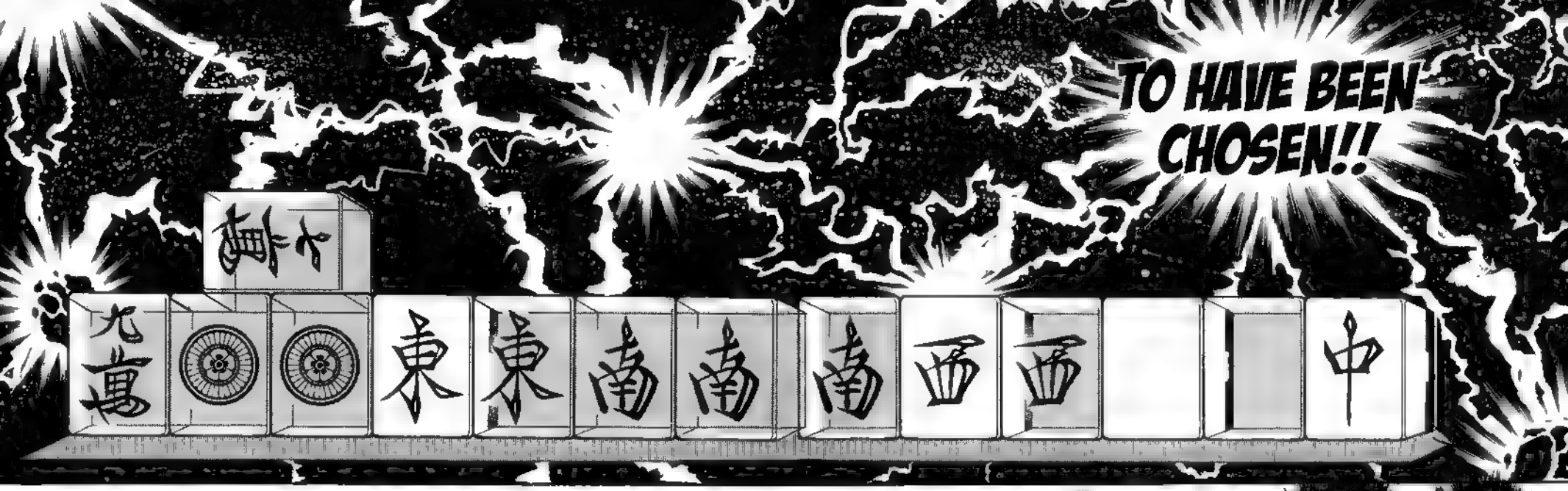


KHEH HEH HEH ...!
ざわ..
ざわ..
ざわ..
Washizu: 26,500 Points
Remaining Funds: 27.5 Million
Akagi: 23,800 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 672.5 Million
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE REAL POWER ...!
TAKE A LOOK!
YOU PITIFUL, LESSER DEMON !!
EH HEH HEH HEH ...!!
AKAGI ...!!
AKAGI ...!
KHEH HEH...


TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN!!

THIS TIME, FOR SURE ...!
I'LL KILL YOU...!
HERE AND NOW ...
I SHALL KILL YOU OFF !!

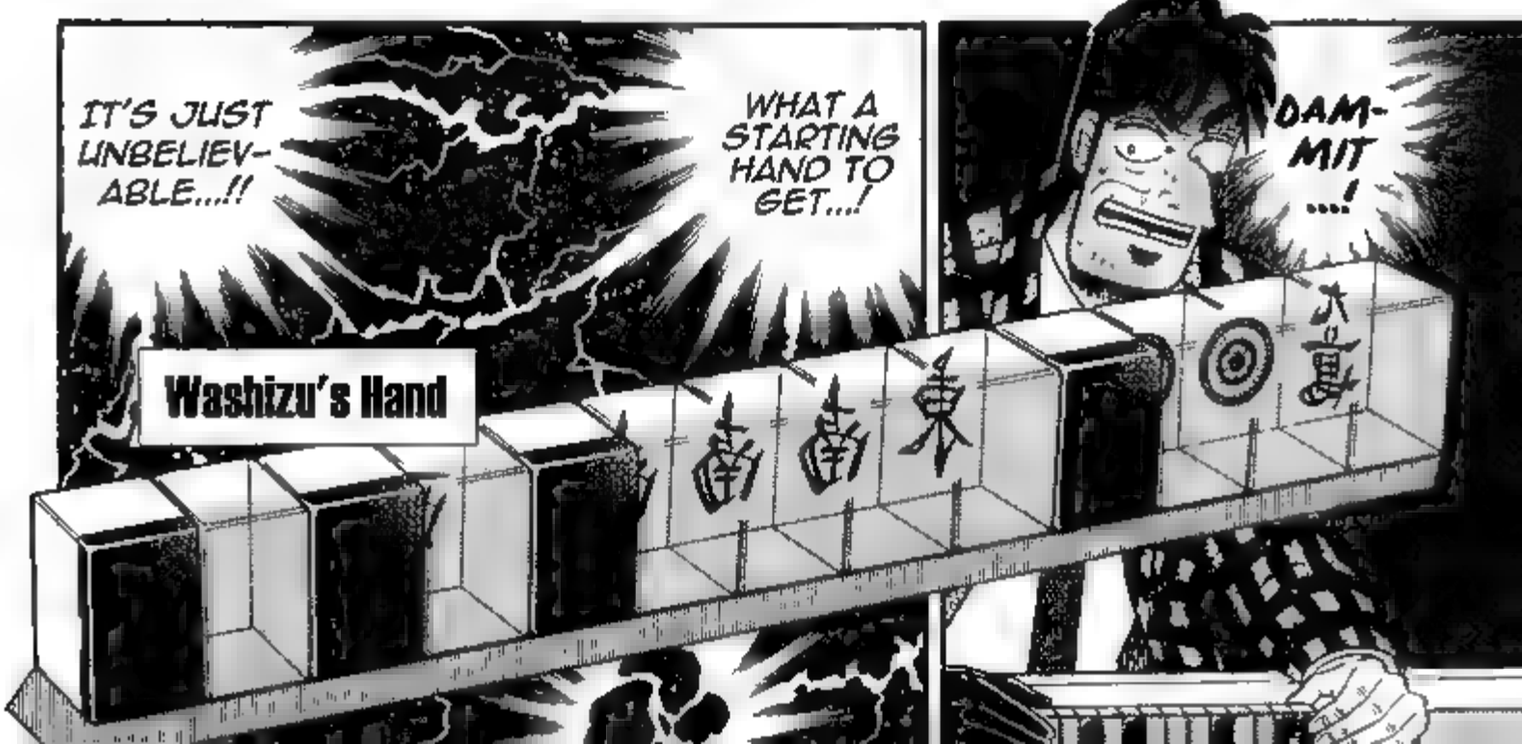
DIE ....!

DIE, DIE, DIE!!

TO HAVE THE ENERGY OF MOMEN-TUM!!
TO HAVE STATUS!!

KHEH HEH HEH ...
ざわ…

EH HEH ...
ざわ…
ざわ…


IT'S JUST UNBELIEV-ABLE...!!
WHAT A STARTING HAND TO GET...!
DAM-MIT ....!
Washizu's Hand

.....
IN A SPOT LIKE THIS...
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE PROBLEM COULD BE WHAT'S IN SUZUKI'S HAND..!
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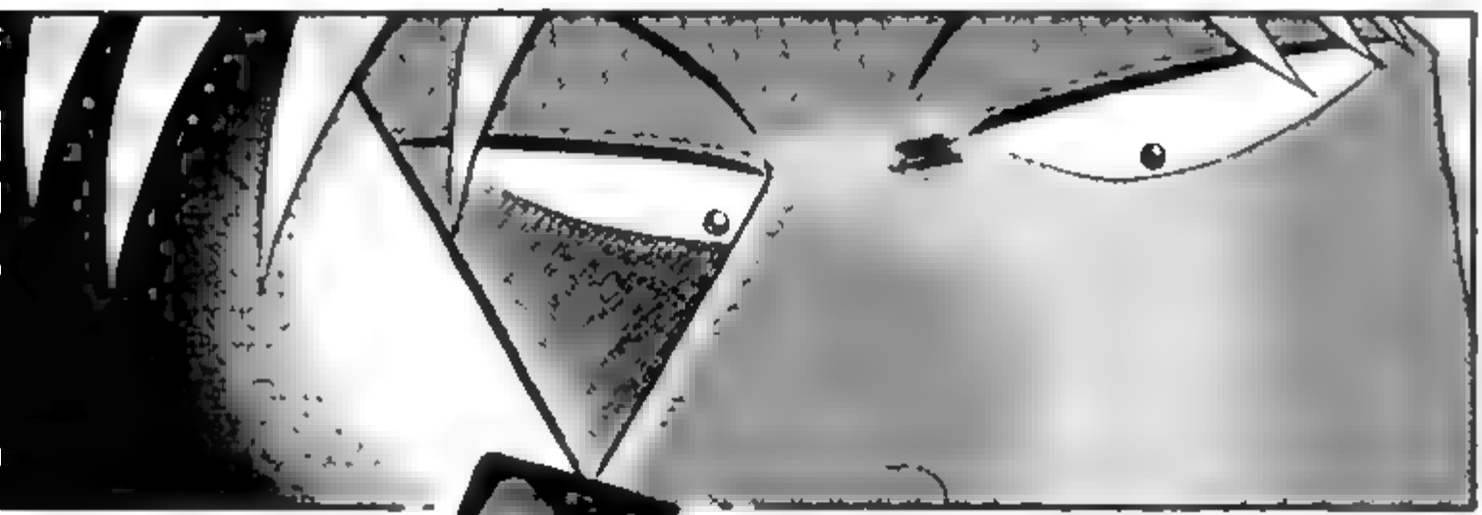

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Suzuki's Hand
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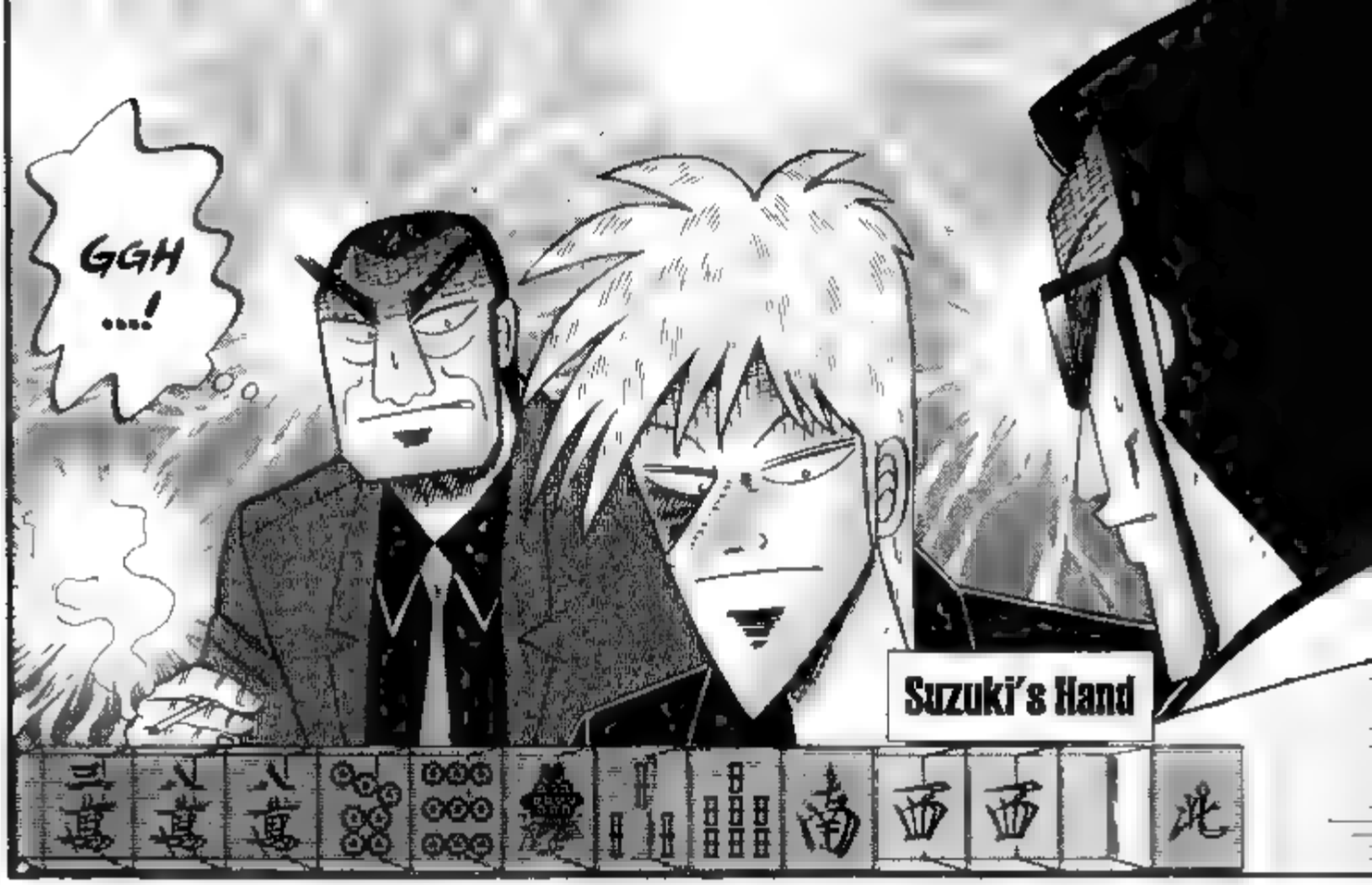
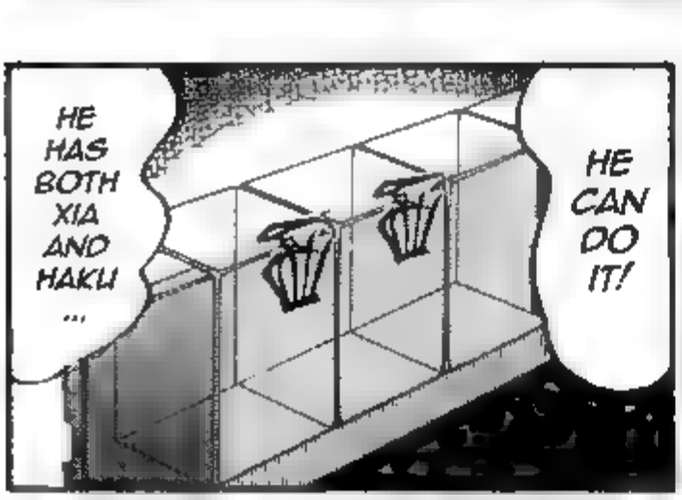

GGH ...!
Suzuki's Hand


HE HAS BOTH XIA AND HAKU ...
HE CAN DO IT!

DAM-MIT...

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WAS-HIZU'S HAND...
WHICH MEANS...
Washizu's hand

GET INTO THIS SHAPE, IMMEDIATELY!!
COULD POSSIBLY...

...DOUBLE FANPAI WITH THE TON. !!
AND POSSI-BLY..
UGH... THAT MEANS IT WOULD BE TENPAI FOR HON ROU TOU, TOI TOI, HON ITSU, AND HAKU FANPAI...

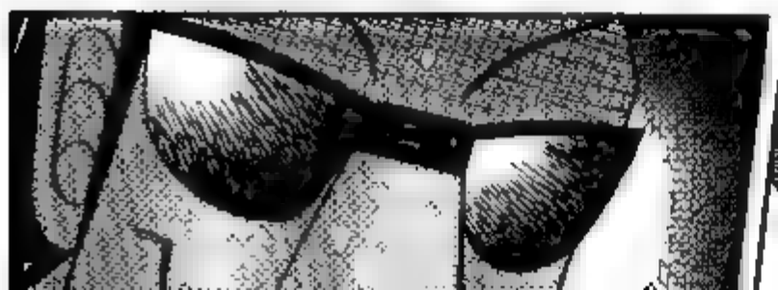
BAIMAN
!!
.....
.....

TENPAI FOR DEALER BAIMAN ....!!
HE CAN GET TO BAIMAN ON THE FIRST TURN WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!!

KGH...

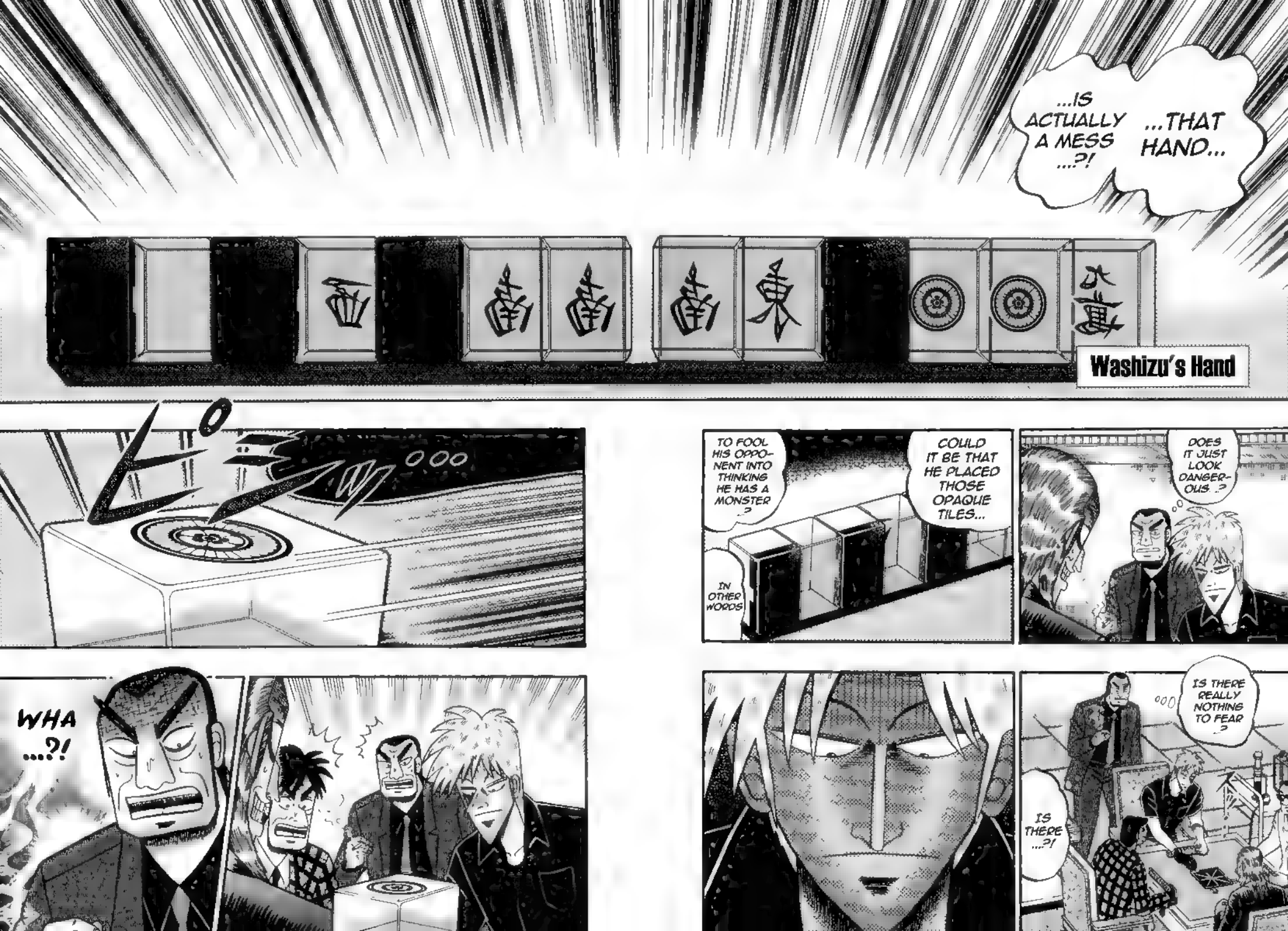
24,000 POINTS ...!!

HOW CAN THIS CRAZINESS EVEN HAPPEN?!



WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS?!

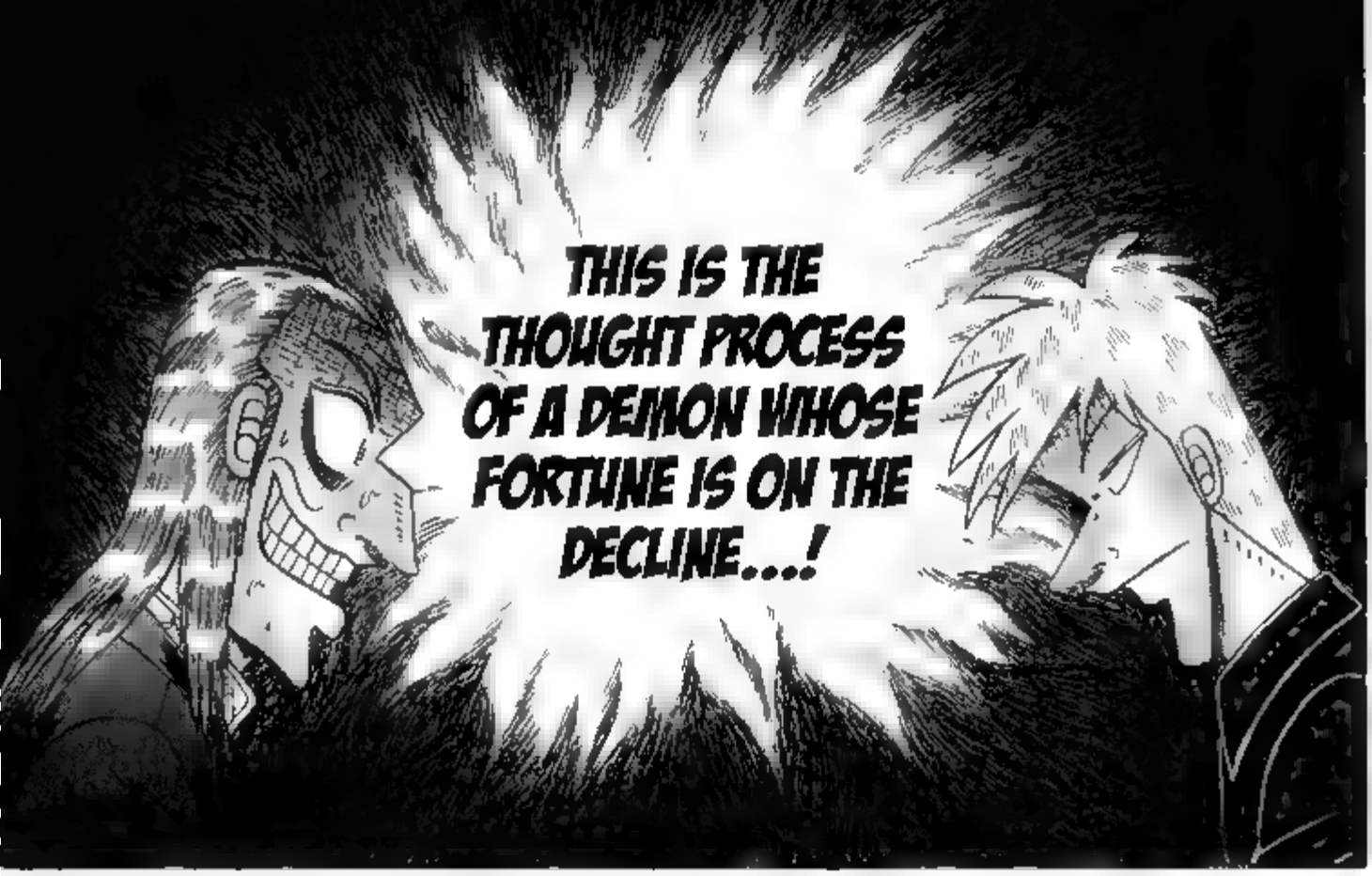
IF HE DIDN'T HAVE SUZUKI LET HIM CALL, THEN...
HE DIDN'T CALL...!
URGH ...!
COULD IT BE THAT...

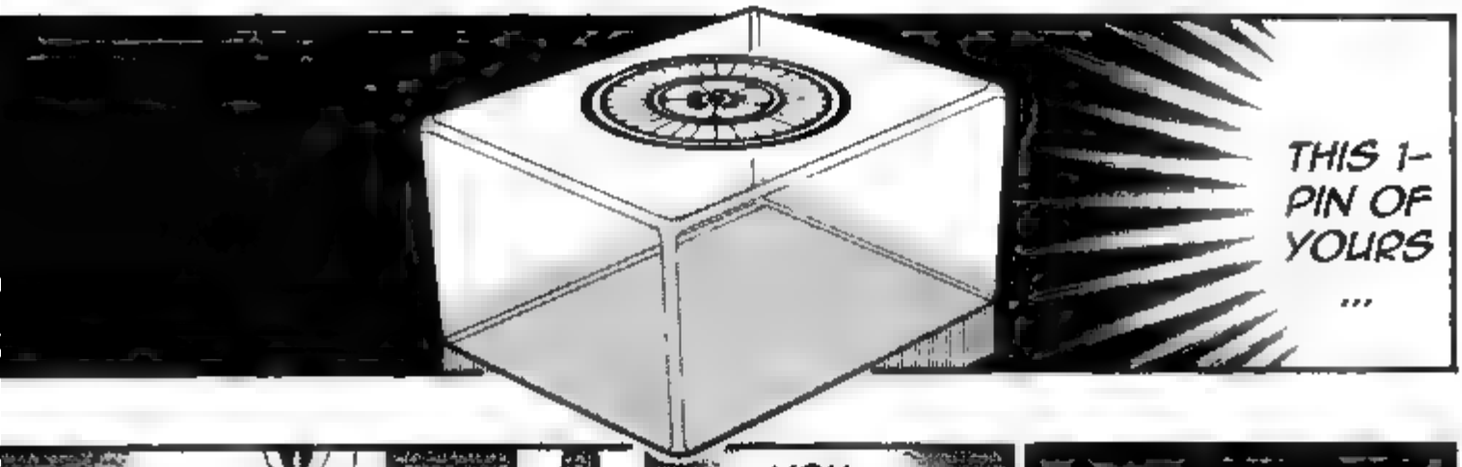

...IS ACTUALLY A MESS ...?!
...THAT HAND...
Washizu's Hand
TO FOOL HIS OPPONENT INTO THINKING HE HAS A MONSTER ...?
COULD IT BE THAT HE PLACED THOSE OPAQUE TILES...
IN OTHER WORDS
DOES IT JUST LOOK DANGEROUS ...?
WHA ...?!
IS THERE REALLY NOTHING TO FEAR ...?
IS THERE ...?!

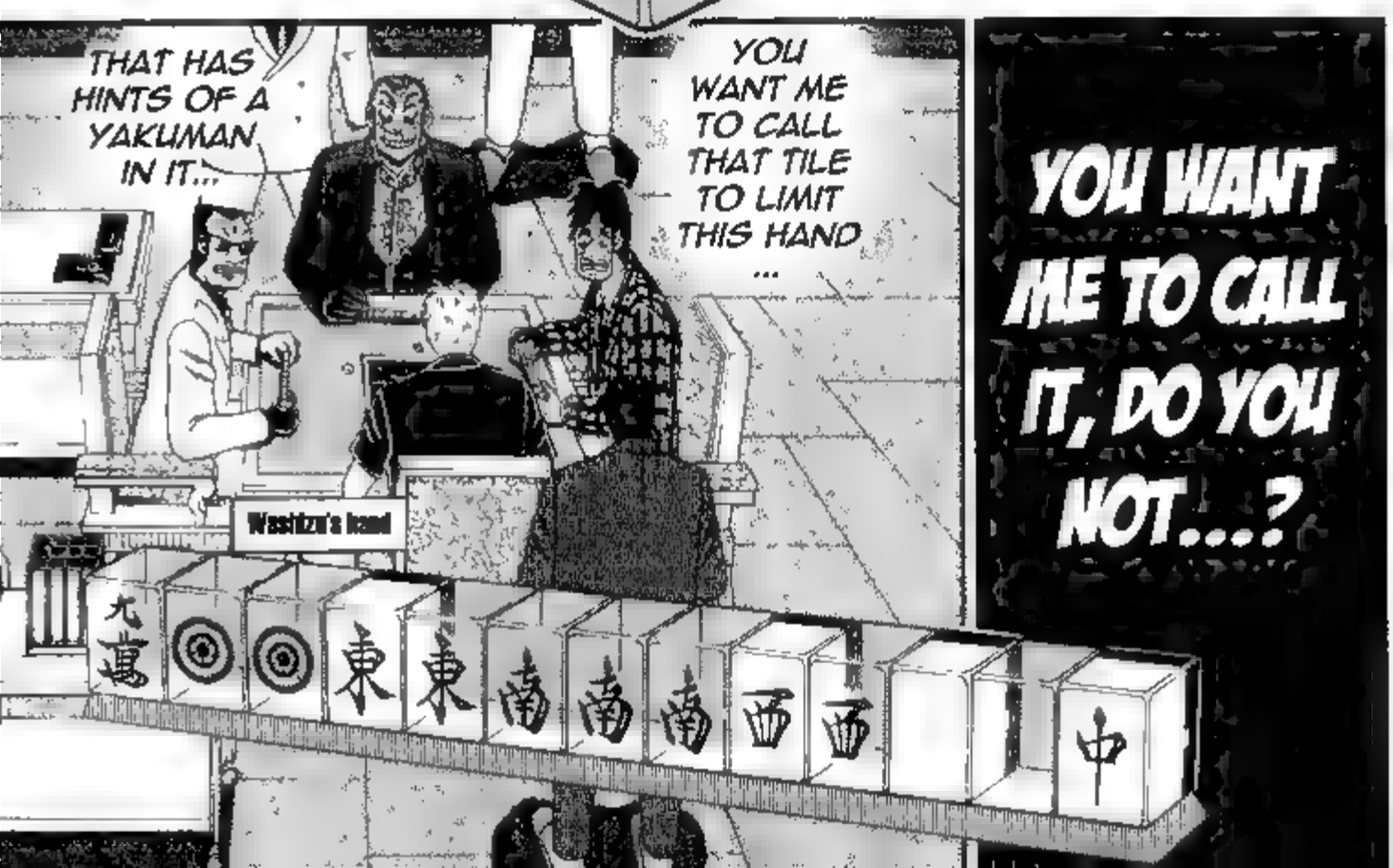
WHY THE 1-PIN ?! ....!
THAT'S CRAZY !! ....!
WHY THE 1-PIN ...?!?!
TO GET HON ROU TOU, TOI TOI?!
WHY WOULD YOU PLAY THE TILE THAT HE WOULD NEED TO CALL...

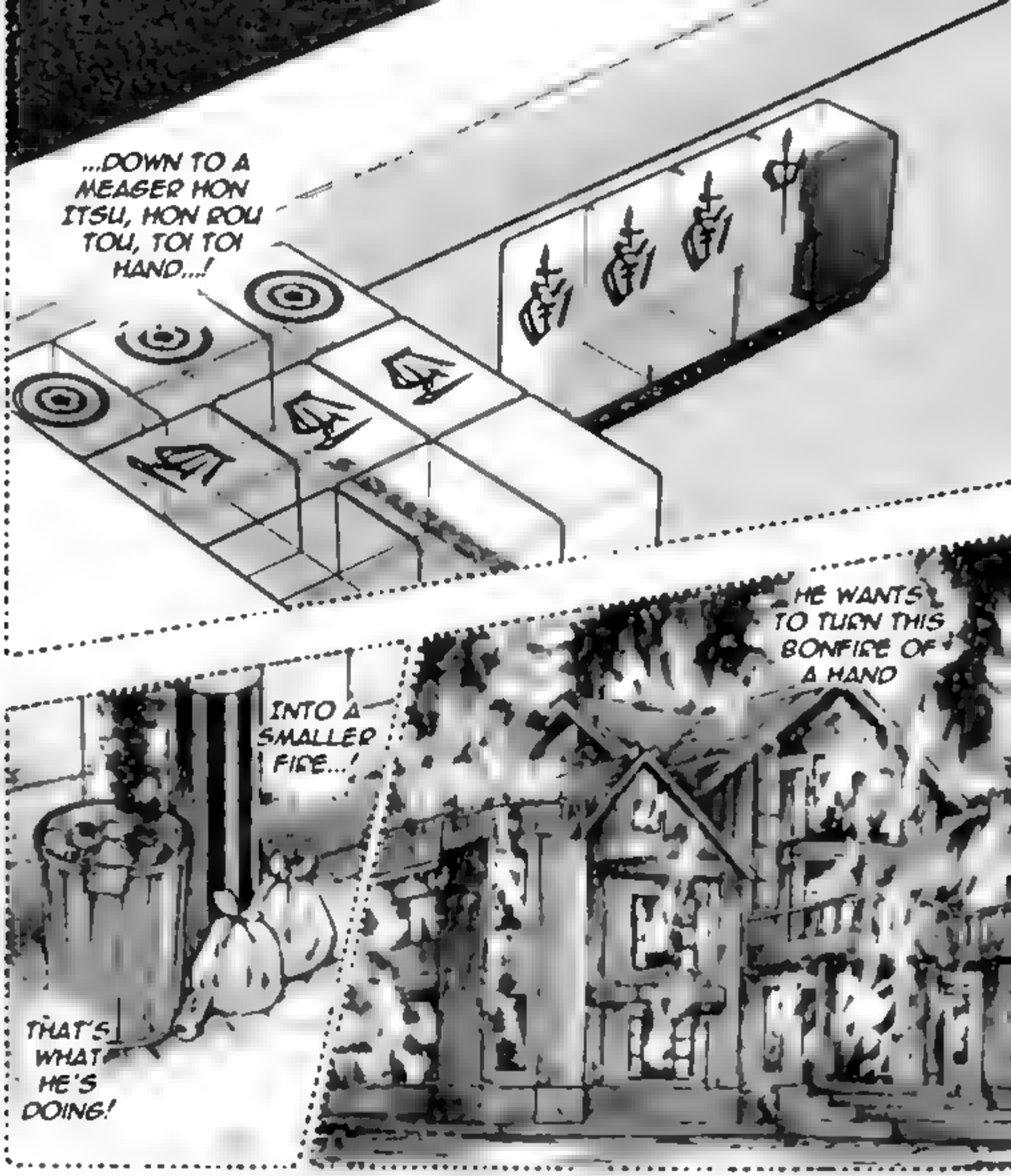
WHY WOULD YOU PLAY IT HERE?!
IT'S LIKE YOU WANT HIM TO BEAT YOU...!
IS PAVE THE WAY FOR WASHIZU'S VICTORY!
ALL THIS CAN DO...
KHEH HEH HEH ...!
KH-EH...

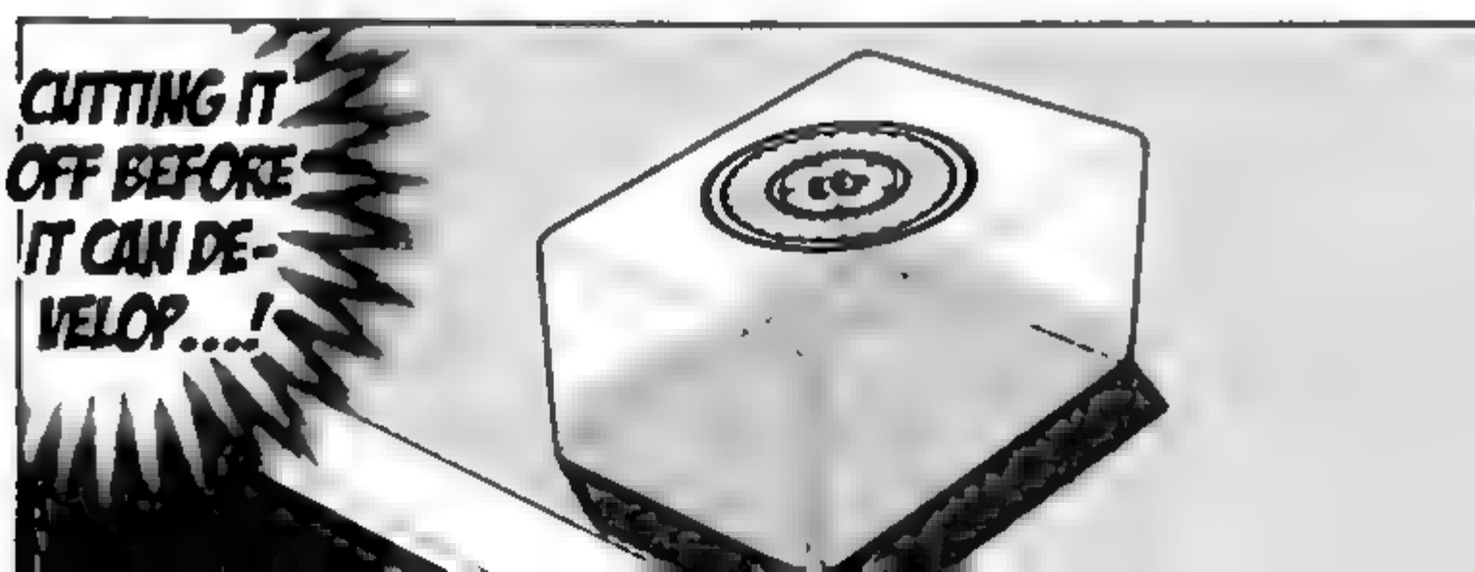
I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING ...!
TOO BAD ...!


THIS IS THE THOUGHT PROCESS OF A DEMON WHOSE FORTUNE IS ON THE DECLINE...!


THIS 1-PIN OF YOURS ...

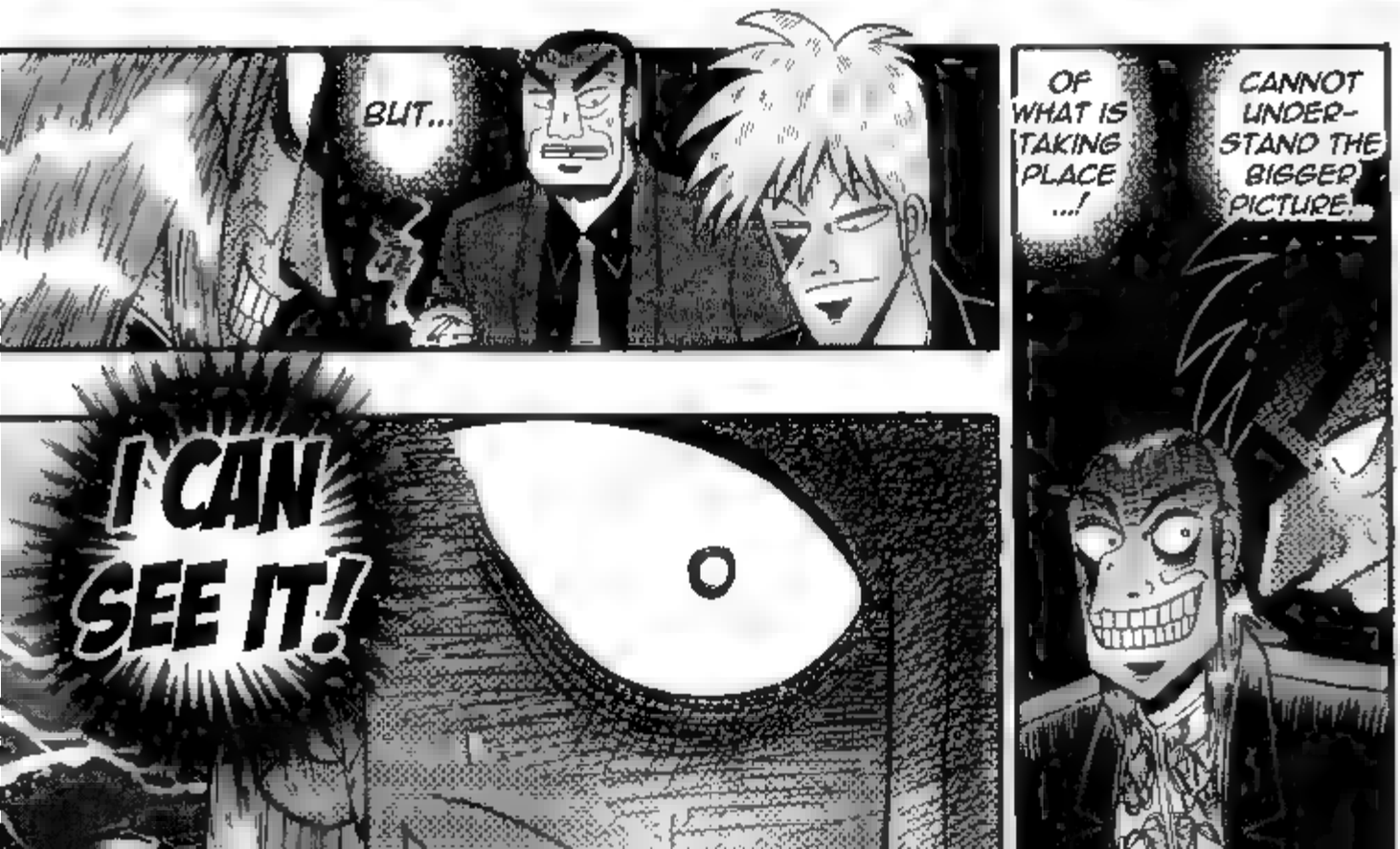

THAT HAS HINTS OF A YAKUMAN IN IT...
YOU WANT ME TO CALL THAT TILE TO LIMIT THIS HAND ...
YOU WANT ME TO CALL IT, DO YOU NOT...?
Washizu's hand


...DOWN TO A MEAGER HON ITSU, HON ROU TOU, TOI TOI HAND...!
HE WANTS TO TURN THIS BONFIRE OF A HAND
INTO A SMALLER FIRE...!
THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING!


CUTTING IT OFF BEFORE IT CAN DE-VELOP...!

K-
HEH
HEH
HEH
...
.....
HE'S NOT GOING TO CALL ON IT ...?
?
.....

A SMALL FRY LIKE YOUR-SELF...
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU...?


BUT...
OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ...!
CANNOT UNDER-STAND THE BIGGER PICTURE...
I CAN SEE IT!

HOW IMPATIENT...!
I CAN SEE HOW UNEASY THE DEMON BEFORE ME IS...!

KHEH HEH HEH...
KHEH...

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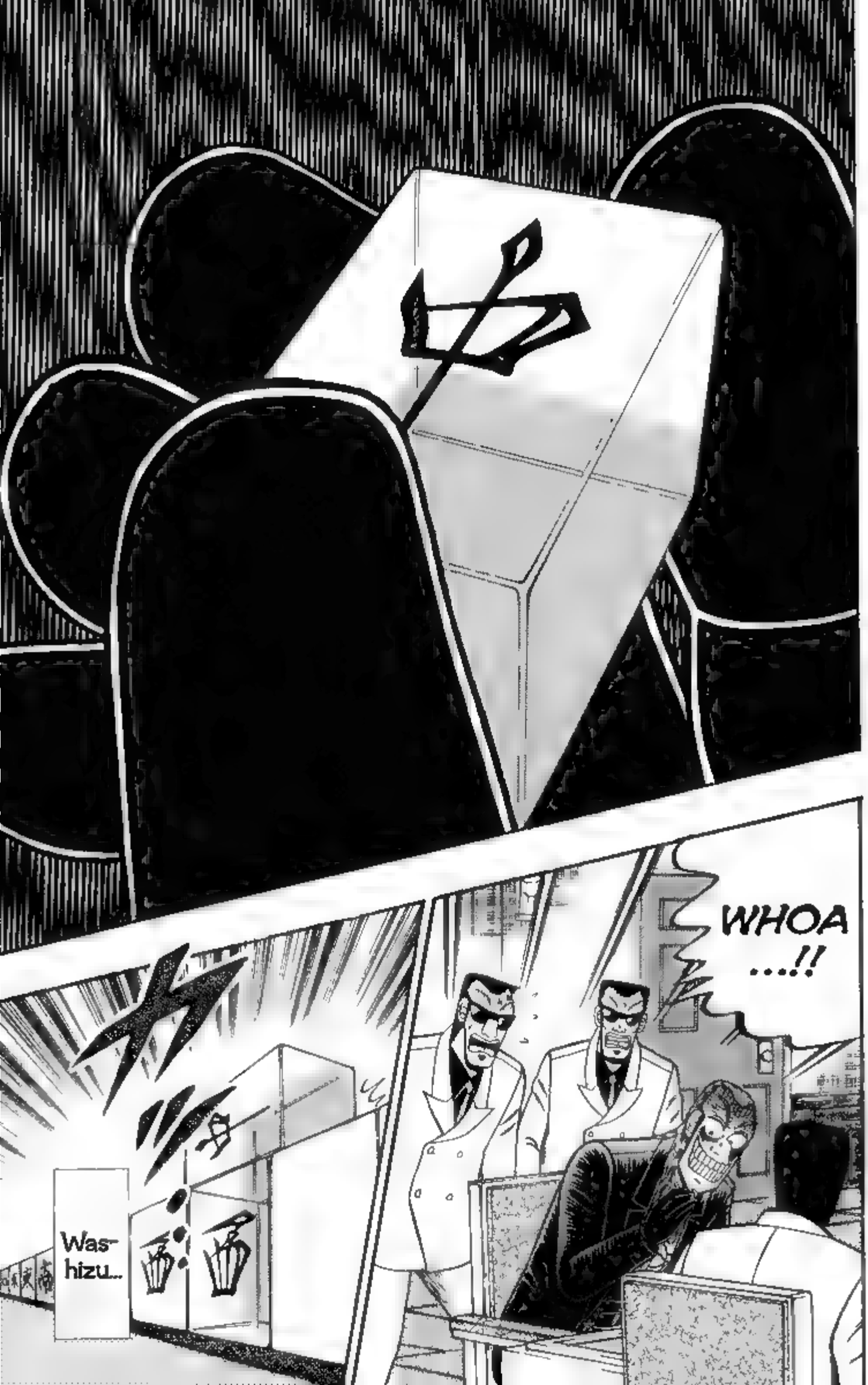
!!..

THE MO-MENT I WILL SHOOT DOWN THIS PEST ...

...HAS COME, AT LONG LAST!!


WHOA ...!!
Was-hizu...

DRAWS NEAR!
TO THE MONSTROUS HAND HE SO DESIRES!!
HE HAS WALKED YET ANOTHER STEP CLOSER...

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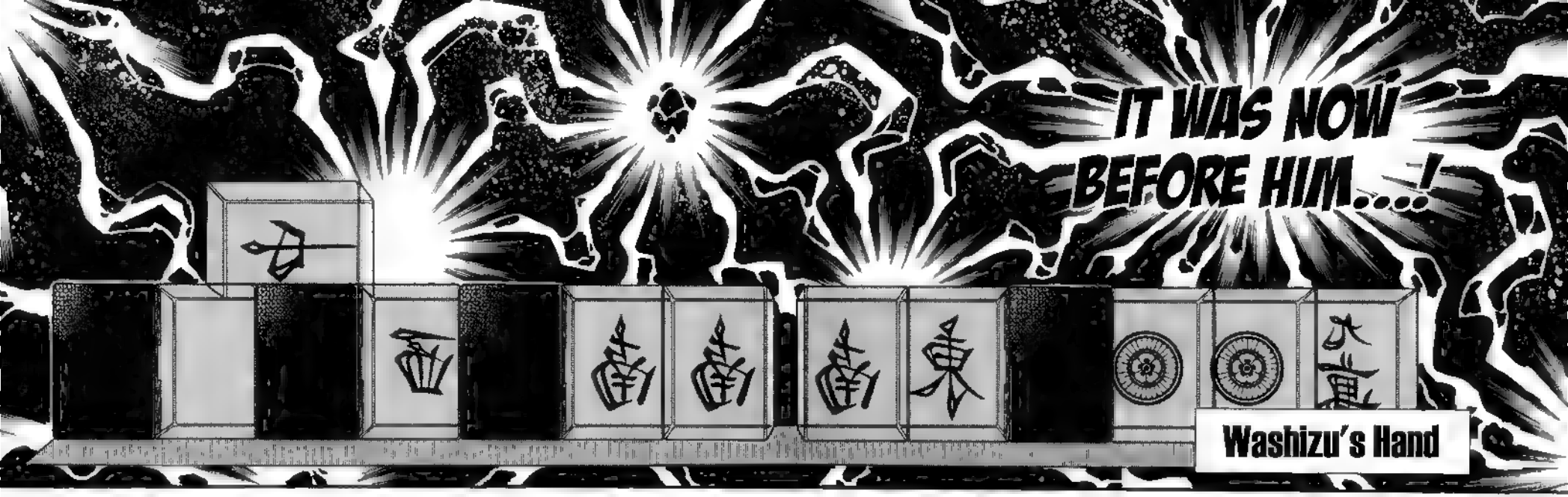
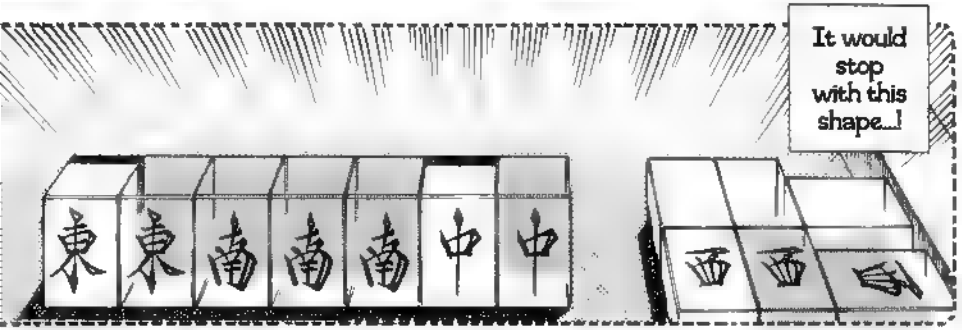
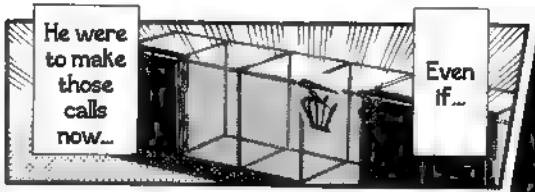
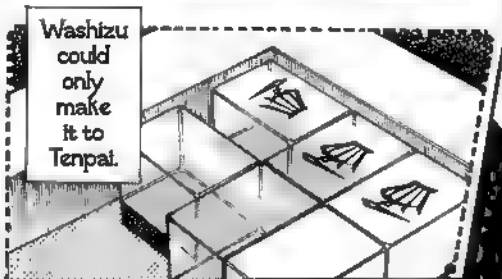
KHEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HHH...!
ざわ...
KGH ...!
.....
Washizu had drawn the Chun...!
GGH...





T/N:
A "TSUU II SOU" IS A HAND CONSISTING OF NOTHING BUT HONOR TILES. VERY RARE, AND IS THUS CONSIDERED A YAKUMAN.



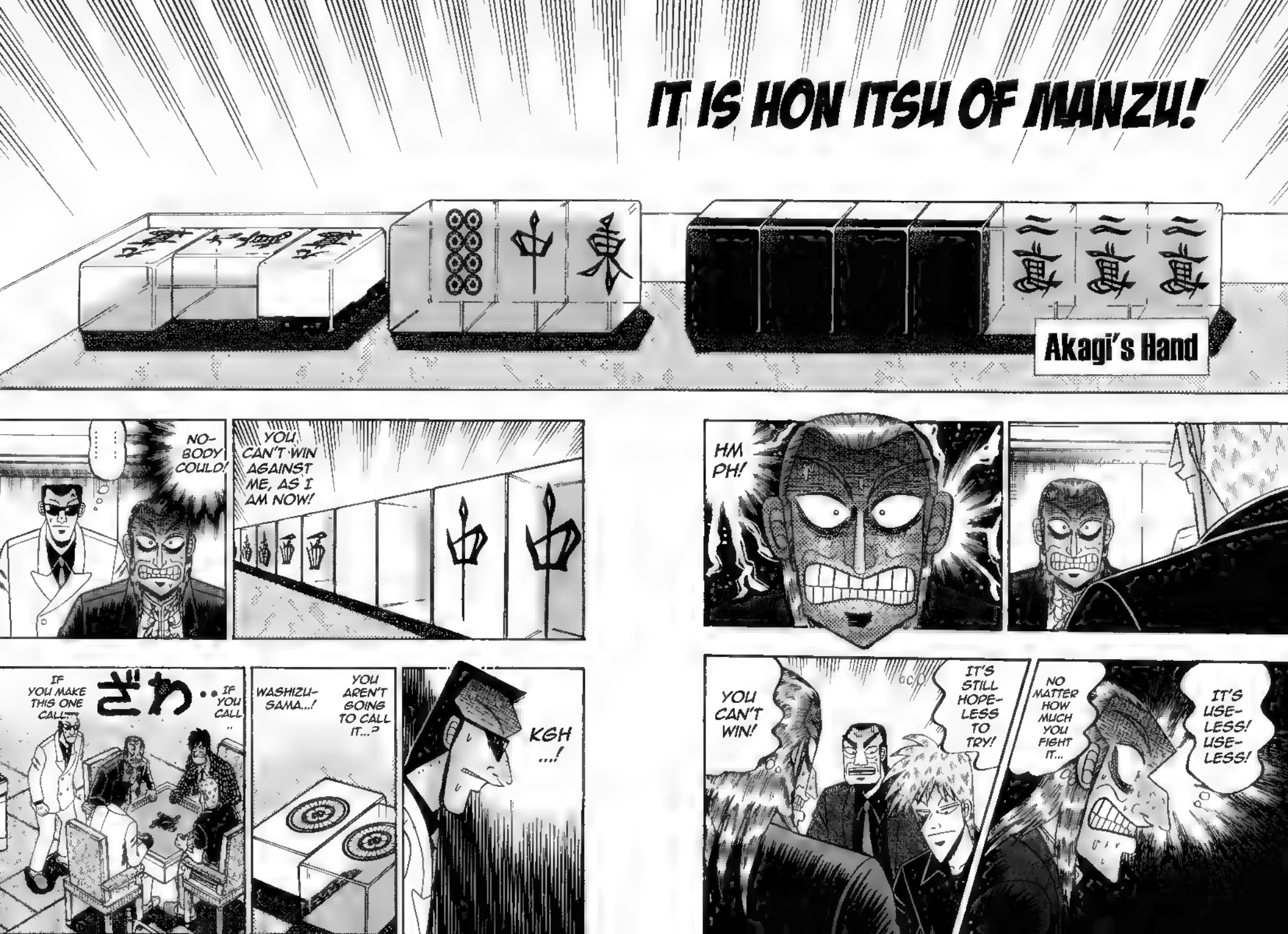


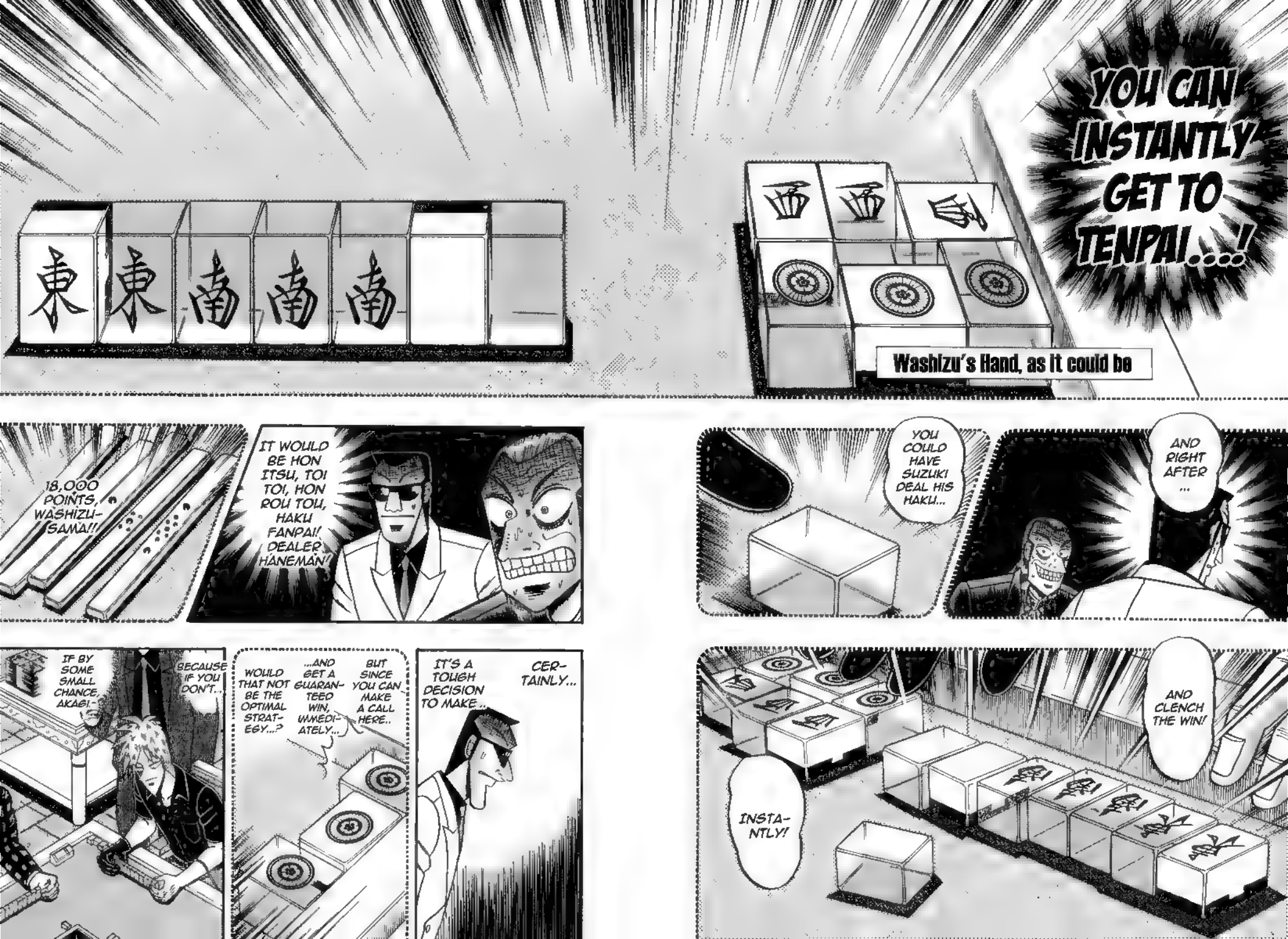
PON!

ざわ…
WHAA ...?

Akagi moves!
He calls this manzu tile, 9-man...

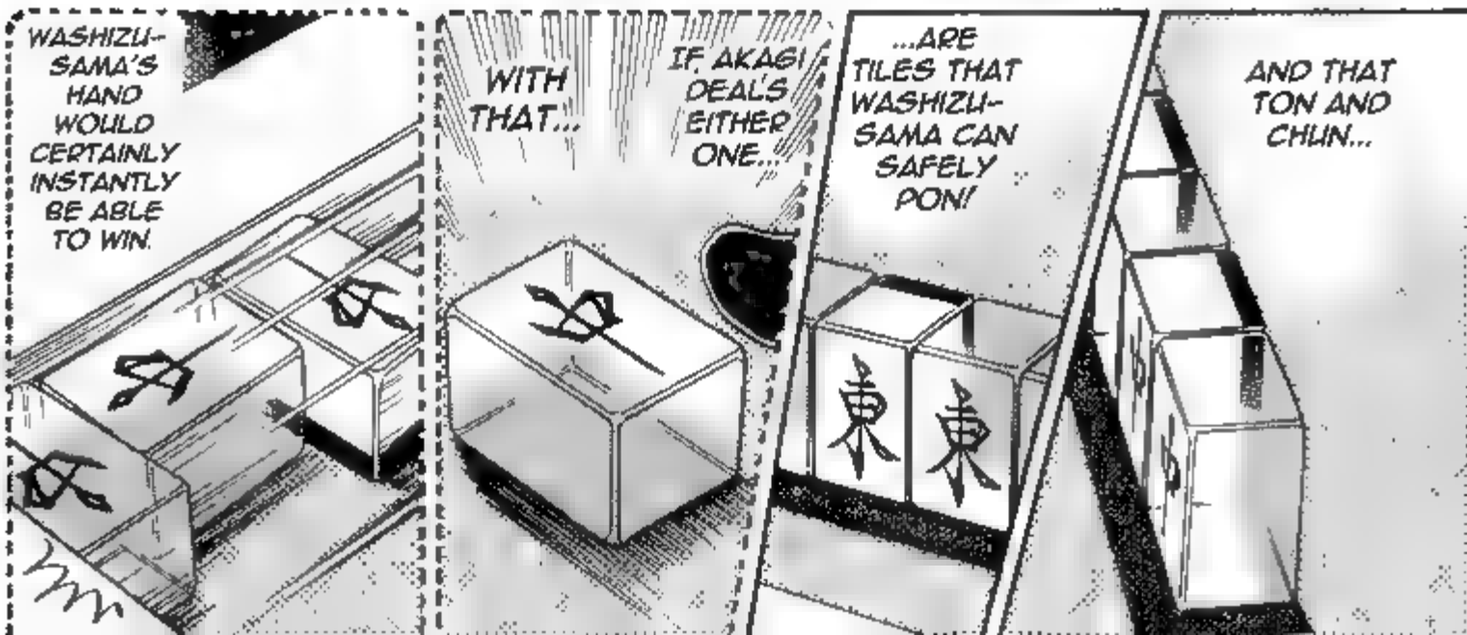
...And deals 1-pin!
He again deals the tile Washizu has two of, the 1-pin!
And so...
GGH ...!
Akagi's motivation behind it...
Is now very much appar-ent!


IT IS HON ITSU OF MANZU!
Akagi's Hand
NO-BODY COULD!
YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST ME, AS I AM NOW!
HM PH!
IF YOU MAKE THIS ONE CALL...
ざわ..
IF YOU CALL..
WASHIZU-SAMA...!
YOU AREN'T GOING TO CALL IT...?
KGH ...!
YOU CAN'T WIN!
IT'S STILL HOPE-LESS TO TRY!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU FIGHT IT...
IT'S USE-LESS! USE-LESS!


YOU CAN INSTANTLY GET TO TENPAI...!
Washizu's Hand, as it could be
18,000 POINTS, WASHIZU-SAMA!!
IT WOULD BE HON ITSU, TOI TOI, HON ROU TOU, HAKU FANPAI! DEALER HANEMAN!
YOU COULD HAVE SUZUKI DEAL HIS HAKU...
AND RIGHT AFTER ...
IF BY SOME SMALL CHANCE, AKAGI-
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T...
WOULD THAT NOT BE THE OPTIMAL STRAT-EGY...?
...AND GET A GUARAN-TEED WIN, IMMEDI-ATELY...
BUT SINCE YOU CAN MAKE A CALL HERE..
IT'S A TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE..
CER-TAINLY...
INSTA-NTLY!
AND CLENCH THE WIN!

THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR BEST CHANCE TO STOP HIM!
...WINDS UP MOVING FASTER THAN US...

IT'S TRUE THAT AKAGI HAS ONE EACH OF THE TON AND CHUN IN HIS HAND...!
TO BE FAIR


WASHIZU-SAMA'S HAND WOULD CERTAINLY INSTANTLY BE ABLE TO WIN.
WITH THAT...
IF AKAGI DEAL'S EITHER ONE...
...ARE TILES THAT WASHIZU-SAMA CAN SAFELY PON!
AND THAT TON AND CHUN...

A-TSUU II SOU WOULD BE GUARANTEED!

THAT AKAGI COULD NOT TURN THIS ROUND TO HIS ADVAN-TAGE!
IT WOULD BE CER-TAIN...

IF THAT HAP-PEN-ED...

BUT STILL ...

WASHIZU-SAMA WOULD CERTAINLY GET HIS HAND, FIRST!
NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT

THIS KID IS SOMEONE THAT YOU JUST CAN'T PREDICT!
WE CAN'T BE SURE!
BEFORE WE KNOW IT...
THAT MAN WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING SO OBVIOUSLY DISADVANTA-GEOUS!
SOMETHING WE COULD NEVER HAVE PREDICTED MIGHT HAPPEN...

WE'VE DEFINITELY SEEN IT HAPPEN!
IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE!
AND MAKE IT SO WE'RE THE ONES IN THE TIGHT SPOT!
TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THE TABLES HAVE TURNED!
BUT THE DETECTIVE'S HAND, AS WELL...
NOT ONLY THAT..
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN, NEXT ./
IT'S TOO DAN-GER-OUS..
IT'S A REAL THREAT!
IS COMING TOGETHER BIT BY BIT ..

IT'S TRUE!
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN OUR LAST CHANCE!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN!

THAT THERE'S NO WAY TO PUT TOGETHER A WIN, NOW!
IT'S POS-SIBLE...

NOW THAT HE'S OVERLOOKED THIS 1-PIN!

HAHH ...!
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YOU'RE BEING STUPID!
QUIT YOUR WORRY-ING!

THAT THE CALL THAT HE MADE JUST NOW...
IS ALL JUST PART...
CAN'T ANY OF YOU TELL ...

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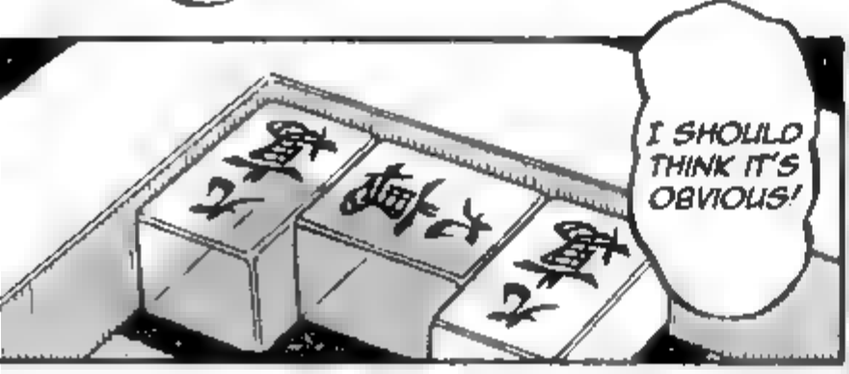
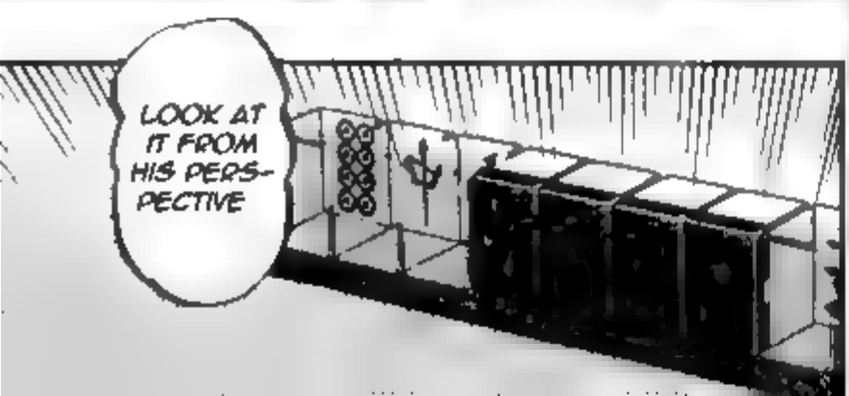
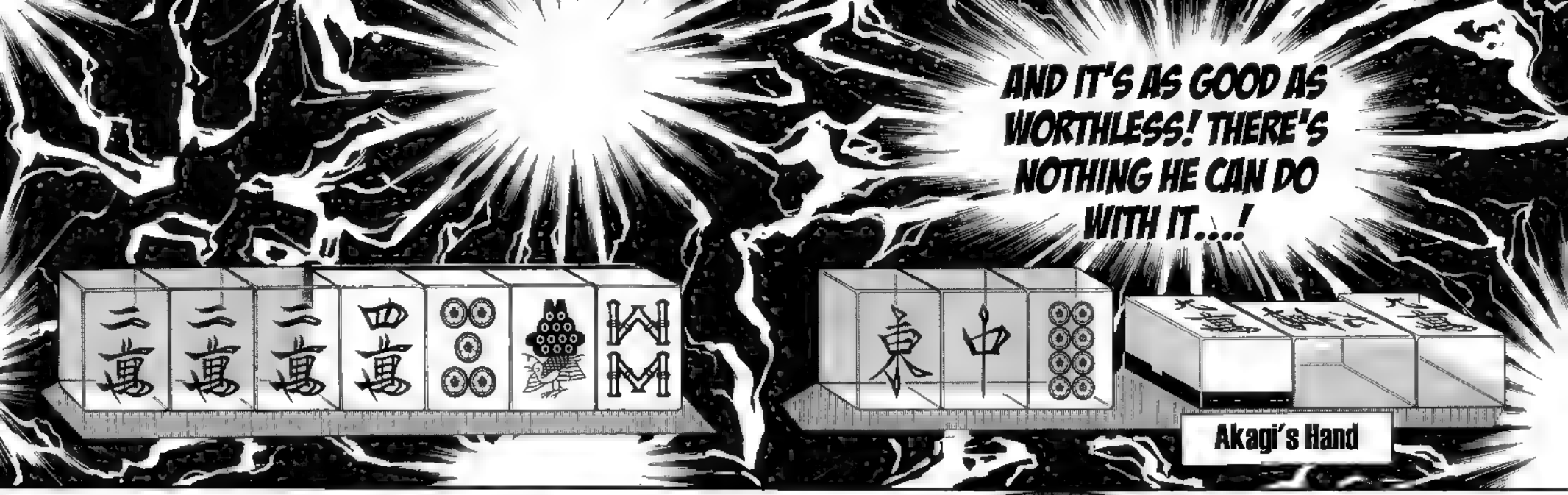
CAN'T YOU SEE ...?
WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

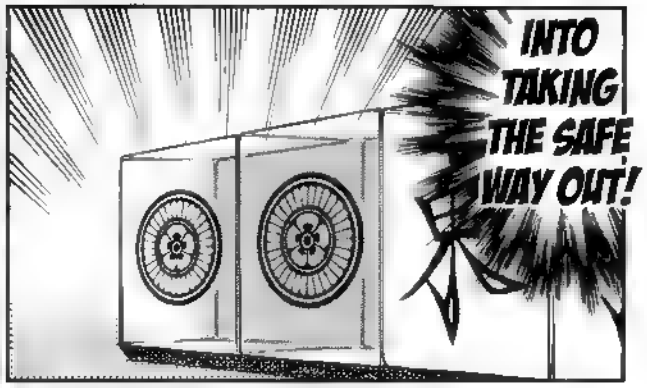

I SHOULD THINK IT'S OBVIOUS!


LOOK AT IT FROM HIS PERS-PECTIVE

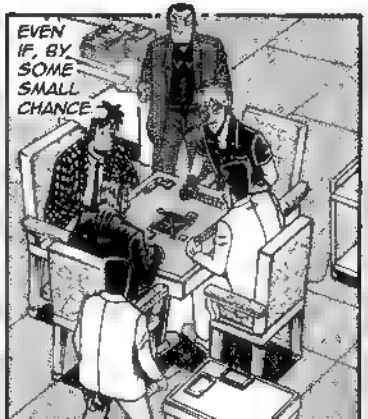
...OF YET ANOTHER BLUFF?


AND IT'S AS GOOD AS WORTHLESS! THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO WITH IT....!
Akagi's Hand

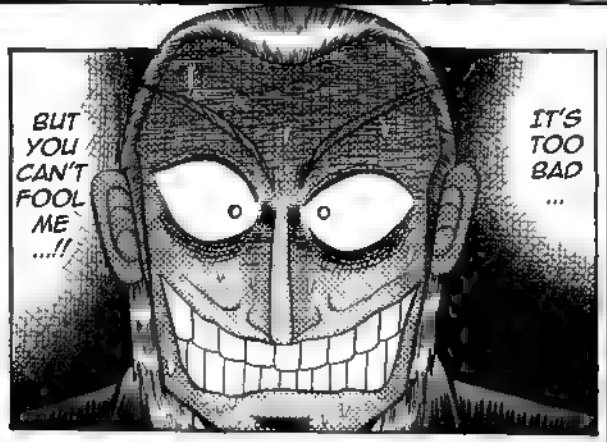
WHAT A JOKE...!


INTO TAKING THE SAFE WAY OUT!

THAT HAND TRULY IS AIMING FOR HON ITSU...


EVEN IF, BY SOME SMALL CHANCE

YOU SEE ...


BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME ...!!
IT'S TOO BAD ...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...?

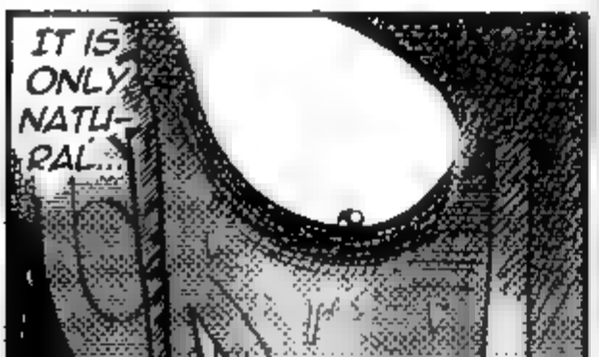
YOUR LAST RESORT!
YOU WON'T BE TEMPTING ME...

THIS IS...

IT IS NOT THE LEAST BIT WORRISOME!

RIGHT NOW... GOD HAS CHOSEN ME TO ENACT HIS DIVINE WILL...!
AND SO...

I WILL BE FASTER!


IT IS ONLY NATU-RAL...

IT IS MY DESTINY ...!
...THAT I WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE ...!
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SO THERE IS NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED ...!
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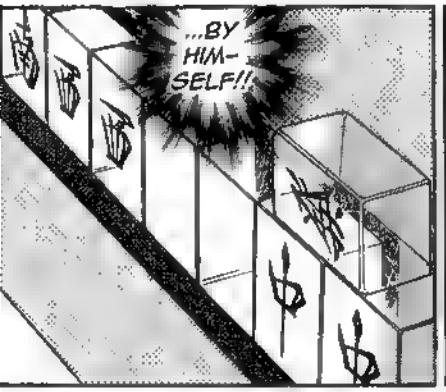
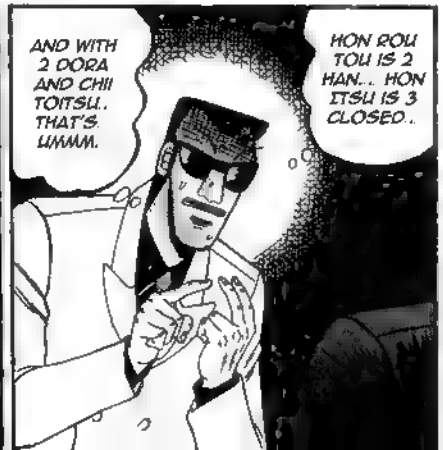
I SHALL DRAW THEM!

THE ONLY TILES THAT CAN POSSI- BLY COME TO ME...
RIGHT NOW...
HAHH ...!!



TENPAI!
HON ROU TOU,
HON ITSU,
CHII TOITSU,
2 DORA...!



A DEALER BAIMAN...!
24,000 POINTS!!
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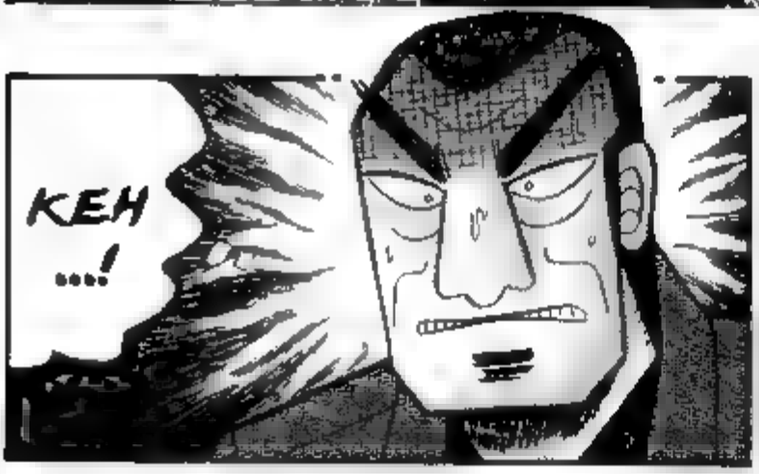
KYEH HEH HEH HEH HEEH HHH!!


KEH ....!

GHH ....!

AKAGI 17 // FIN

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